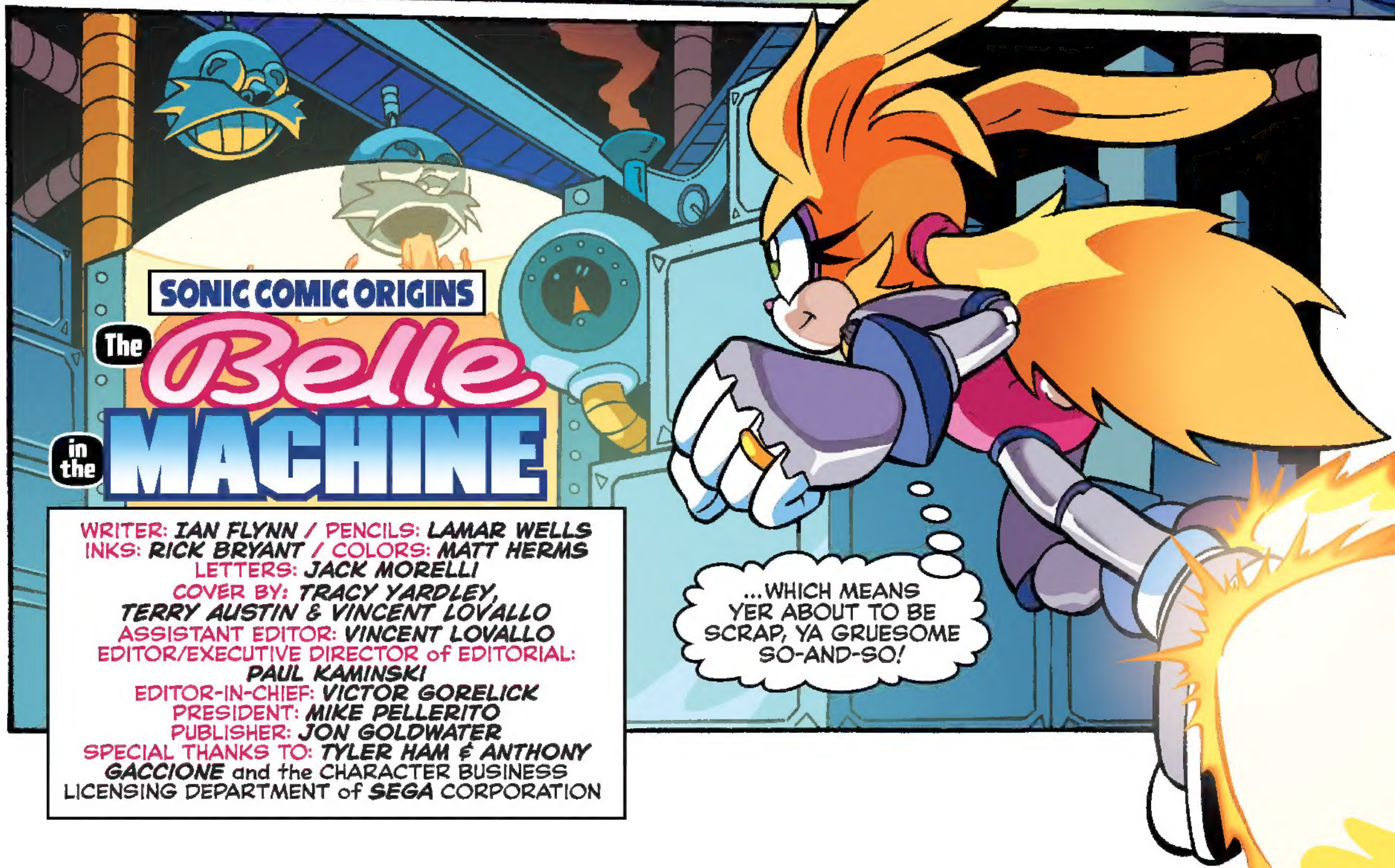
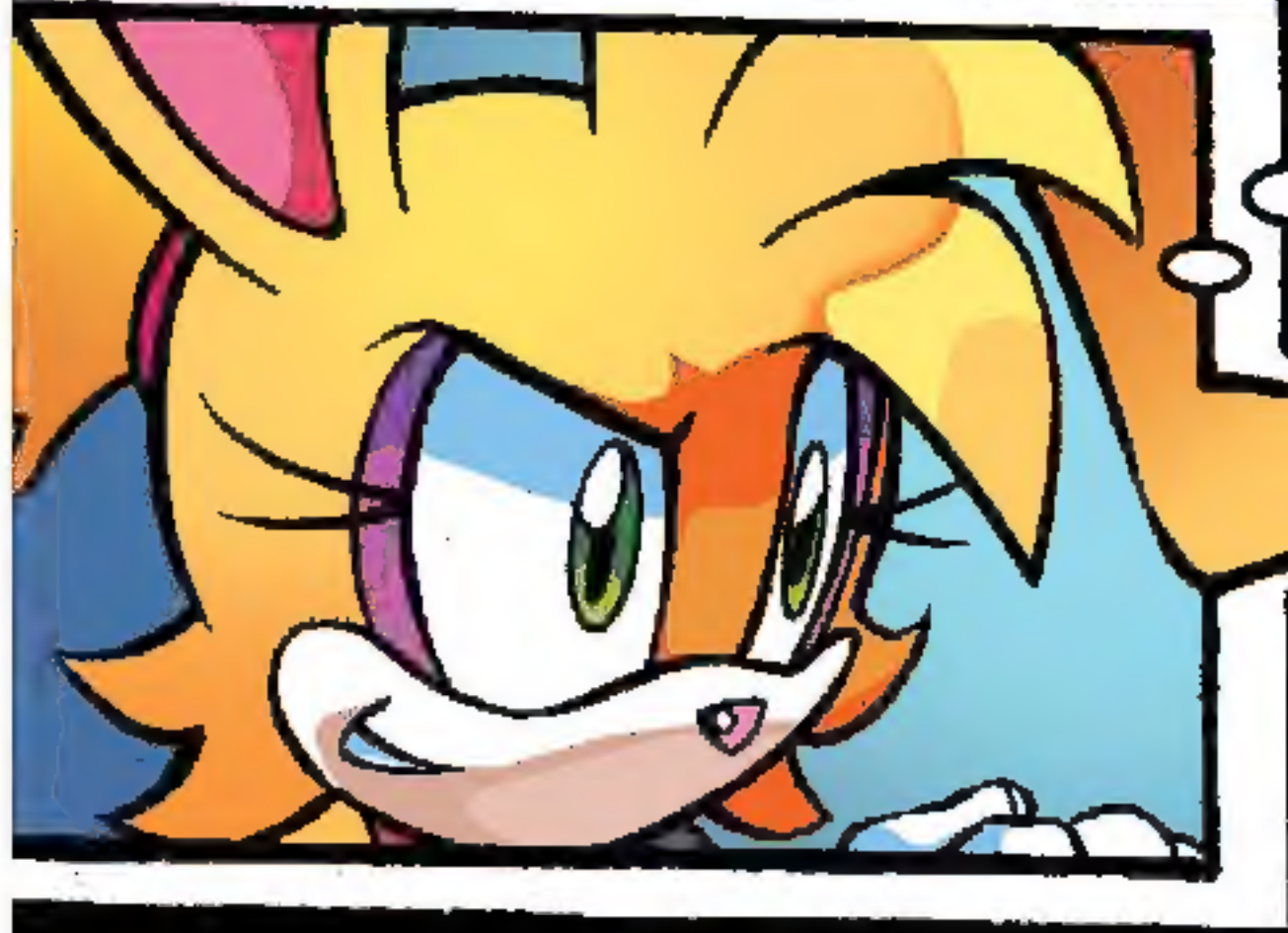


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GRUESOME!

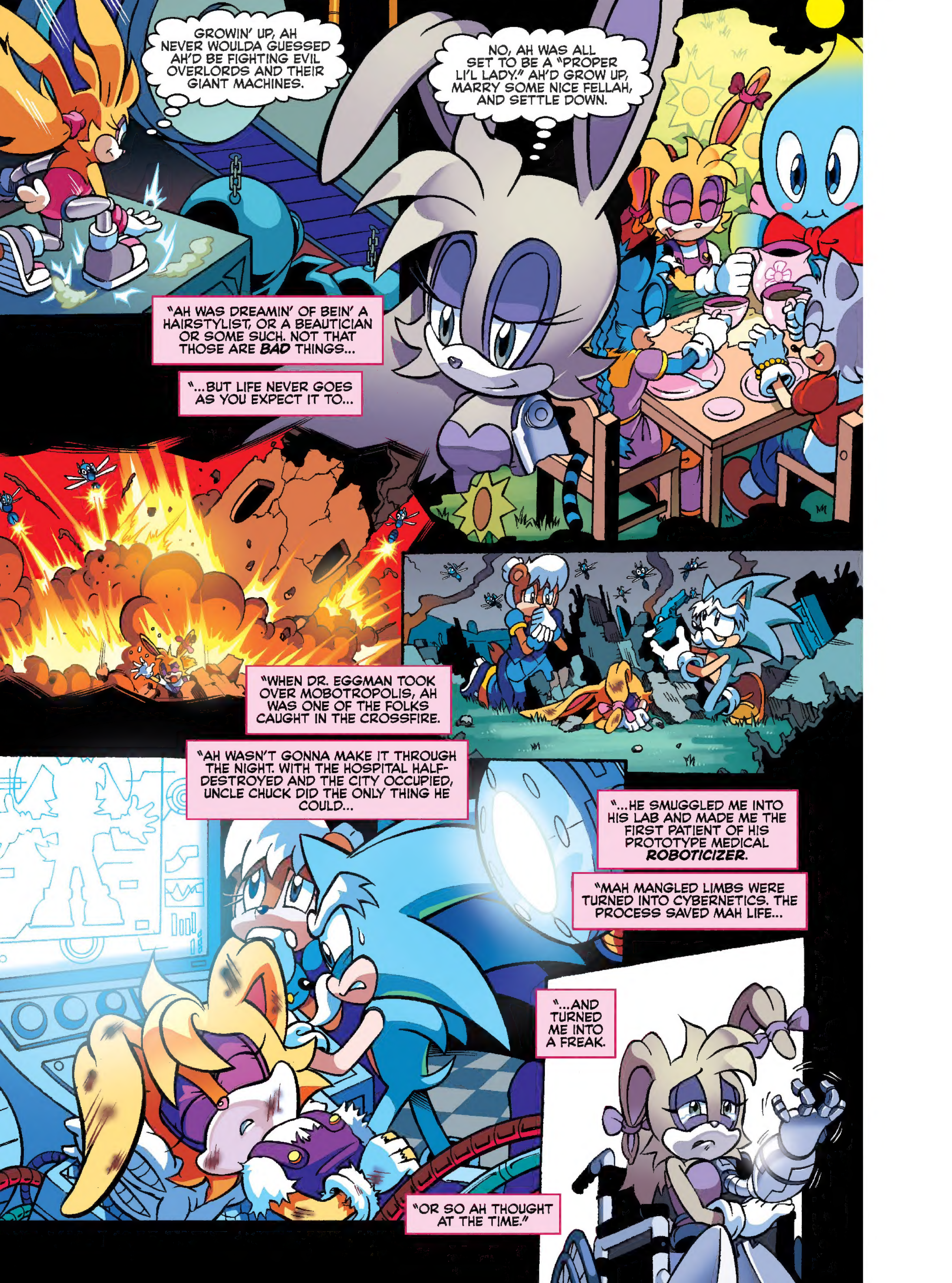
YAHOO!
LOOKS LIKE SONIC
AND THE BOYS ARE
HOLDIN' THEIR OWN.
AND AH'M GUESSIN'
SALLY IS MOVING TO
RENDEZVOUS WITH
'TWAN...



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...WHICH MEANS
YER ABOUT TO BE
SCRAP, YA GRUESOME
SO-AND-SO!



GROWIN' UP, AH NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED AH'D BE FIGHTING EVIL OVERLORDS AND THEIR GIANT MACHINES.

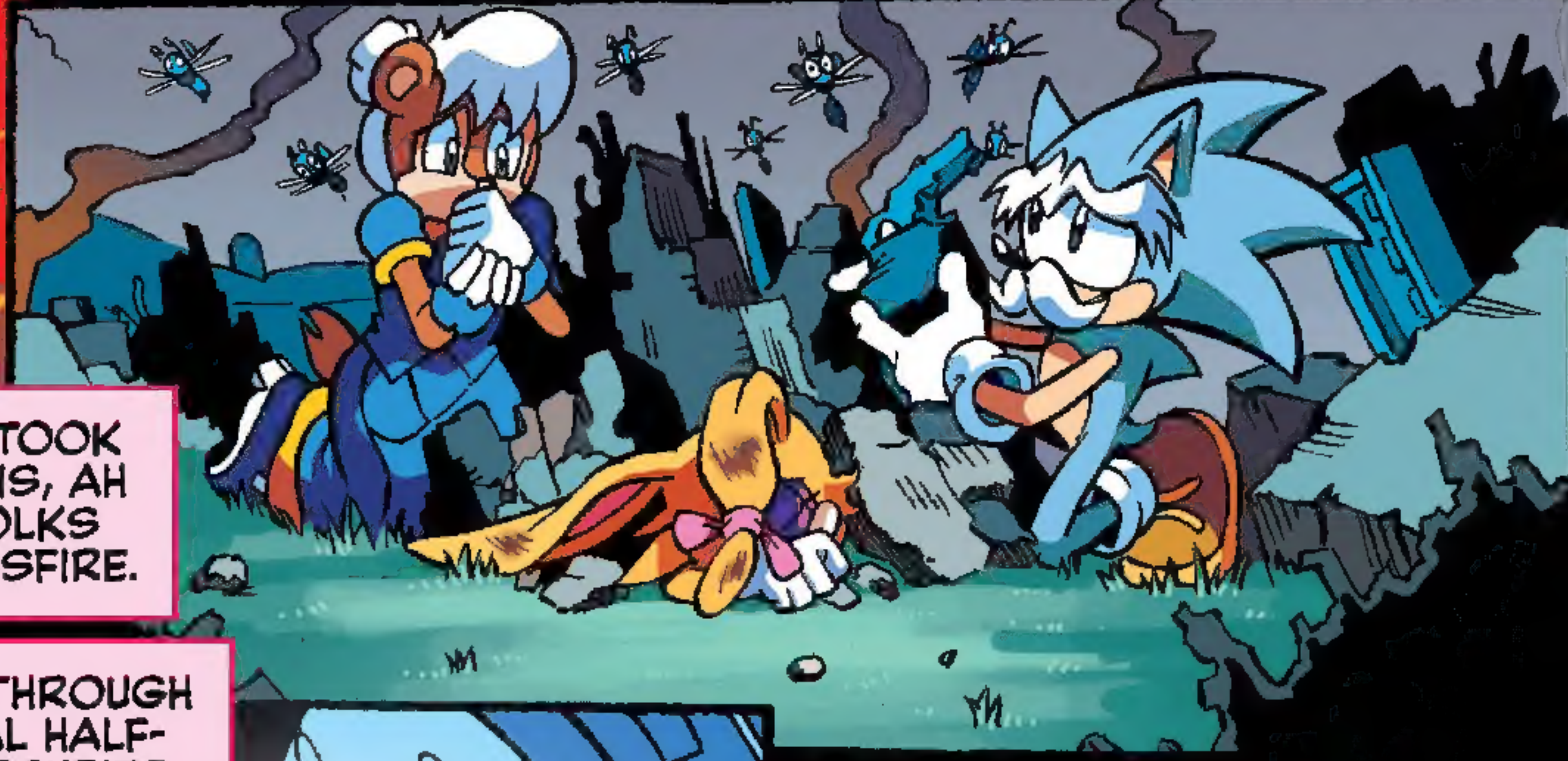
NO, AH WAS ALL SET TO BE A "PROPER LI'L LADY." AH'D GROW UP, MARRY SOME NICE FELLAH, AND SETTLE DOWN.

"AH WAS DREAMIN' OF BEIN' A HAIRSTYLIST, OR A BEAUTICIAN OR SOME SUCH. NOT THAT THOSE ARE **BAD** THINGS..."

"...BUT LIFE NEVER GOES AS YOU EXPECT IT TO..."

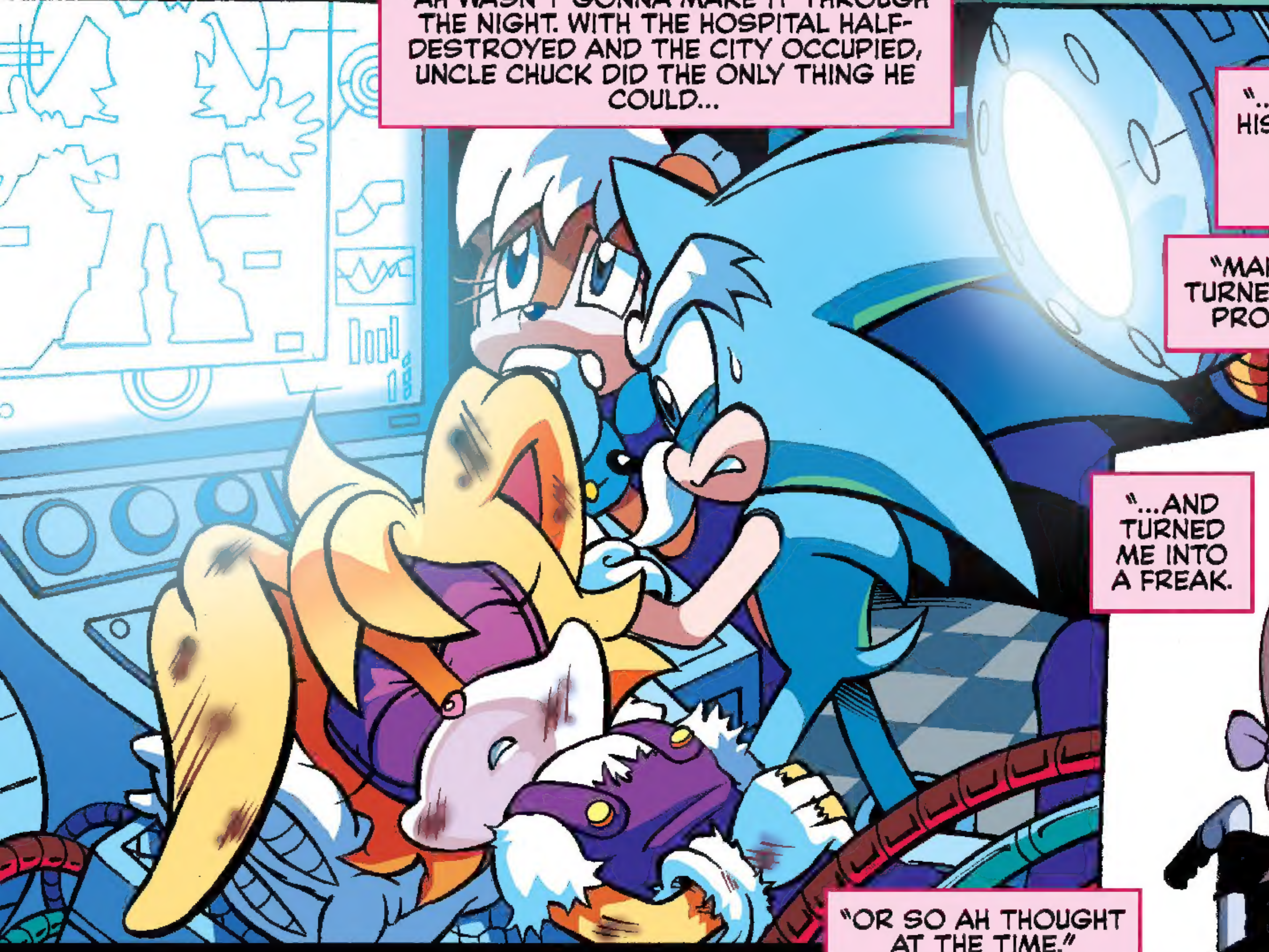


"WHEN DR. EGGMAN TOOK OVER MOBOTROPOLIS, AH WAS ONE OF THE FOLKS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE."



"AH WASN'T GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT. WITH THE HOSPITAL HALF-DESTROYED AND THE CITY OCCUPIED, UNCLE CHUCK DID THE ONLY THING HE COULD..."

"...HE SMUGGLED ME INTO HIS LAB AND MADE ME THE FIRST PATIENT OF HIS PROTOTYPE MEDICAL ROBOTICIZER."

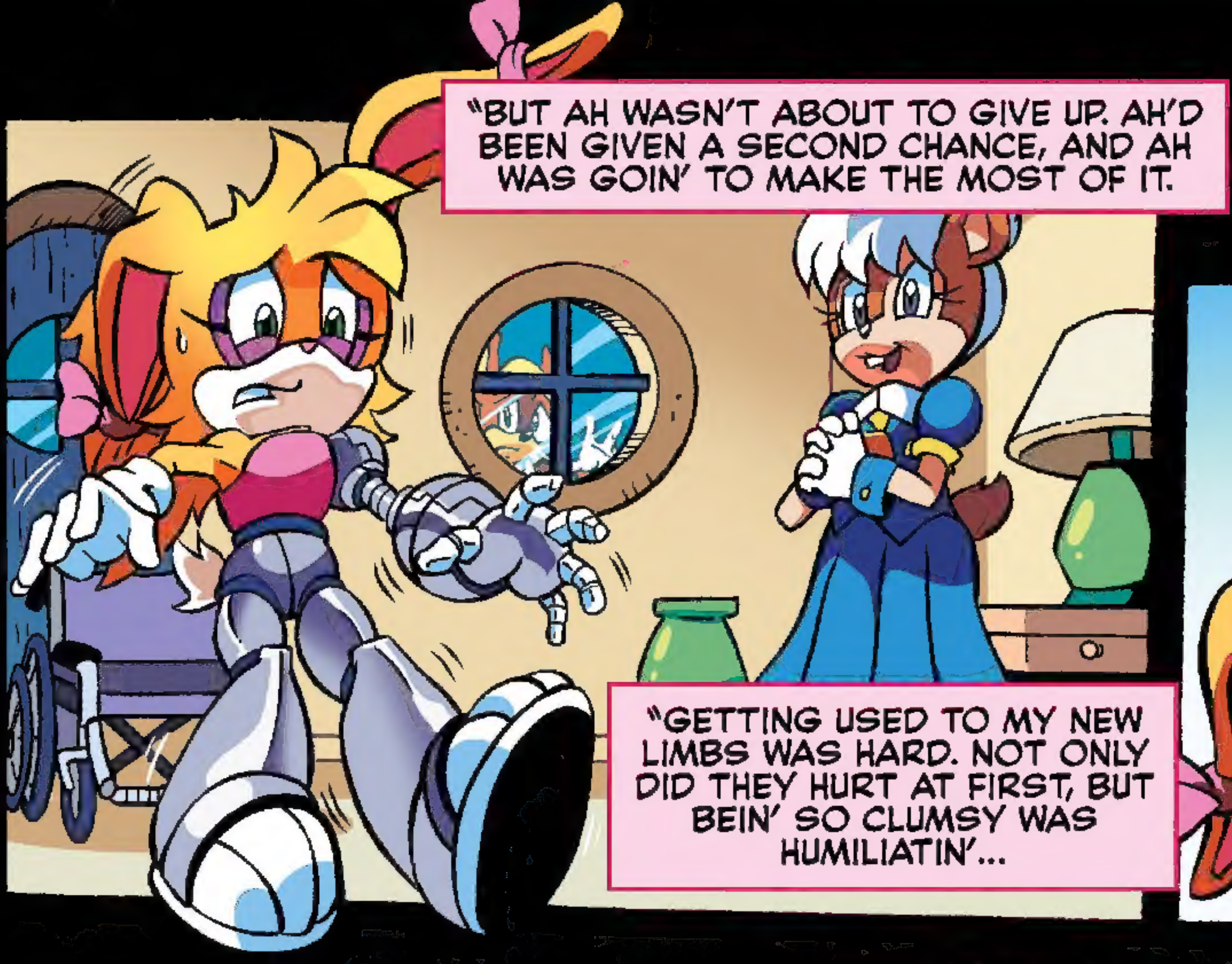


"MAH MANGLED LIMBS WERE TURNED INTO CYBERNETICS. THE PROCESS SAVED MAH LIFE..."

"...AND TURNED ME INTO A FREAK."



"OR SO AH THOUGHT AT THE TIME."



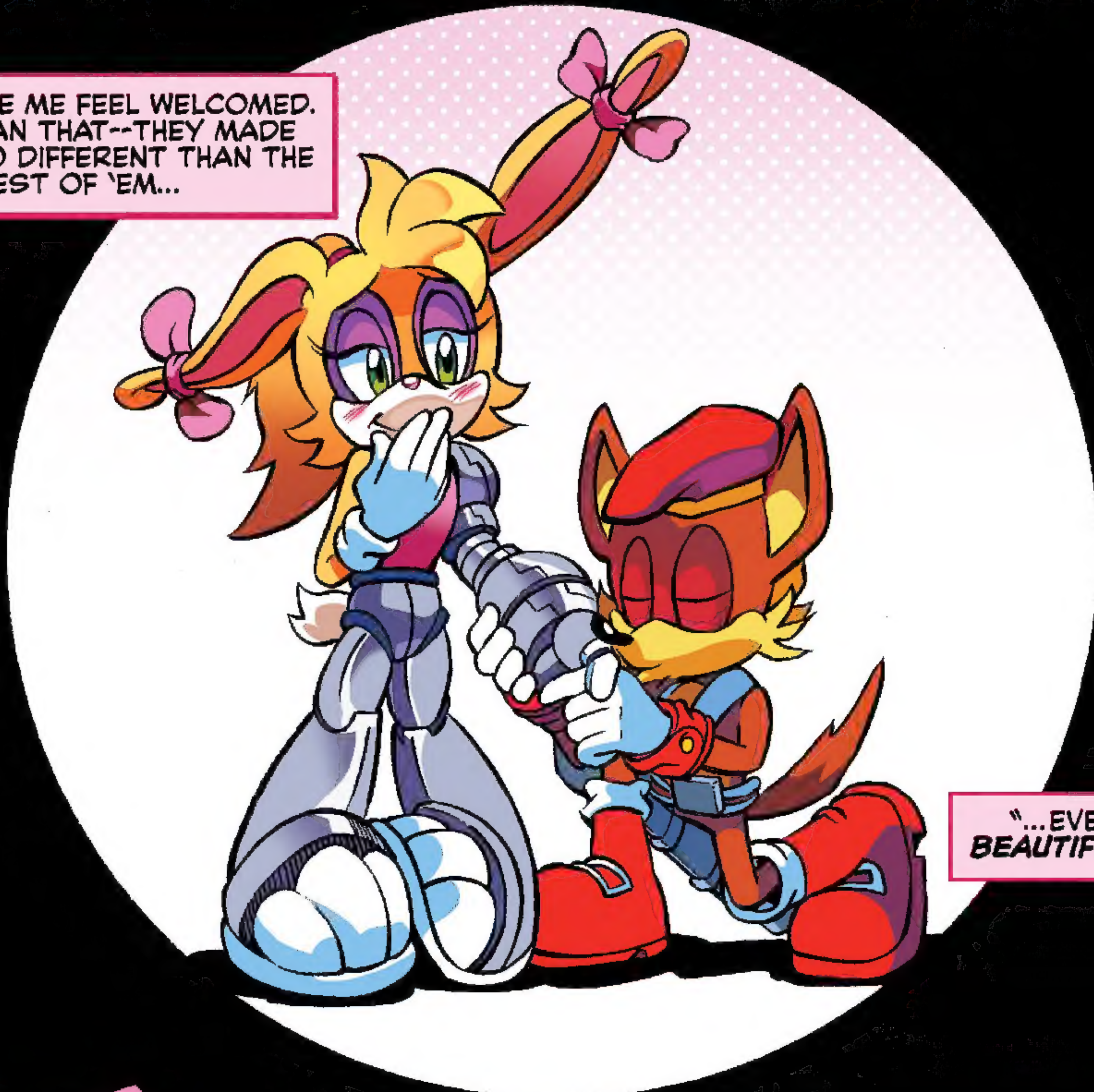
"BUT AH WASN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP. AH'D BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE, AND AH WAS GOIN' TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

"GETTING USED TO MY NEW LIMBS WAS HARD. NOT ONLY DID THEY HURT AT FIRST, BUT BEIN' SO CLUMSY WAS HUMILIATIN'...

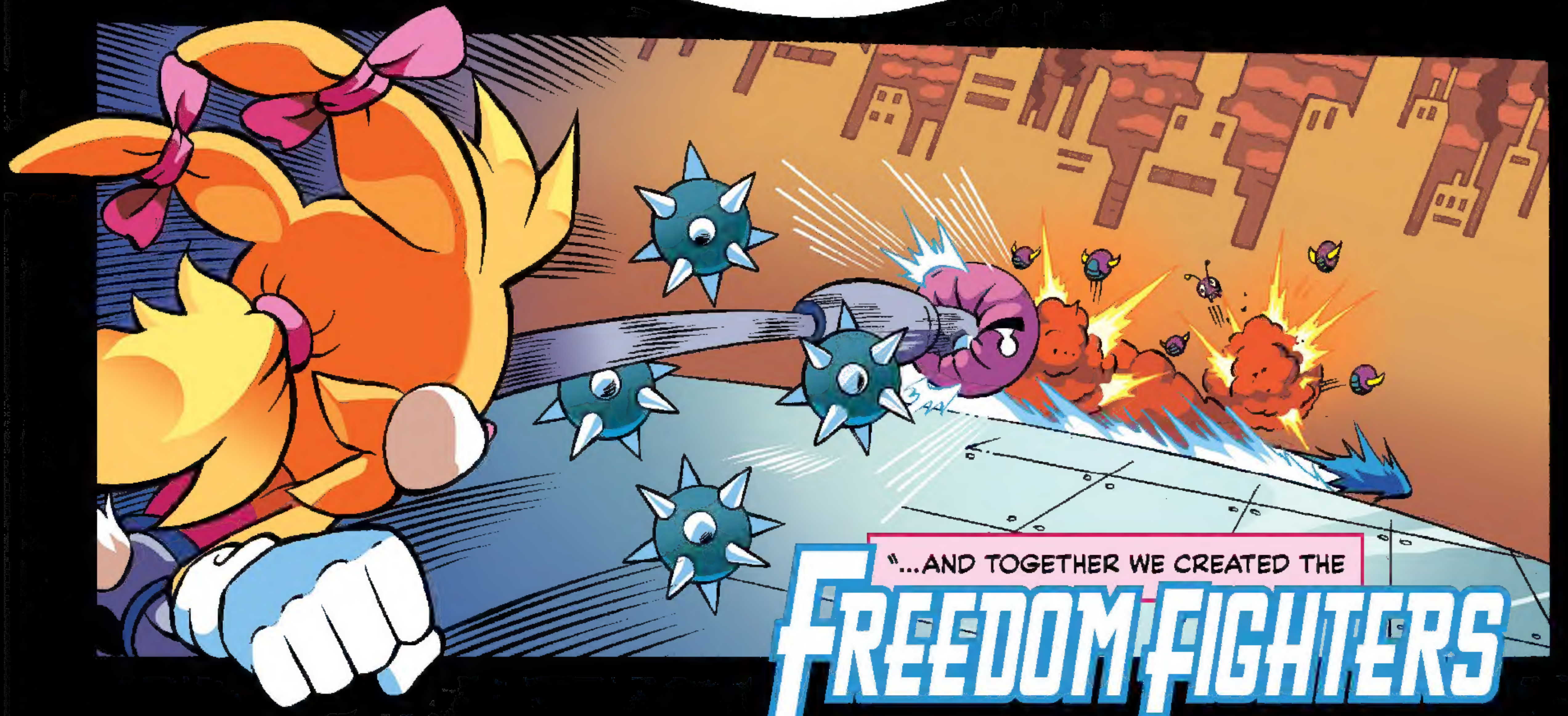


"...BUT MY NEW FRIENDS MADE IT BEARABLE. THEY DIDN'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENT.

"THEY MADE ME FEEL WELCOMED. MORE THAN THAT--THEY MADE ME FEEL NO DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF 'EM...

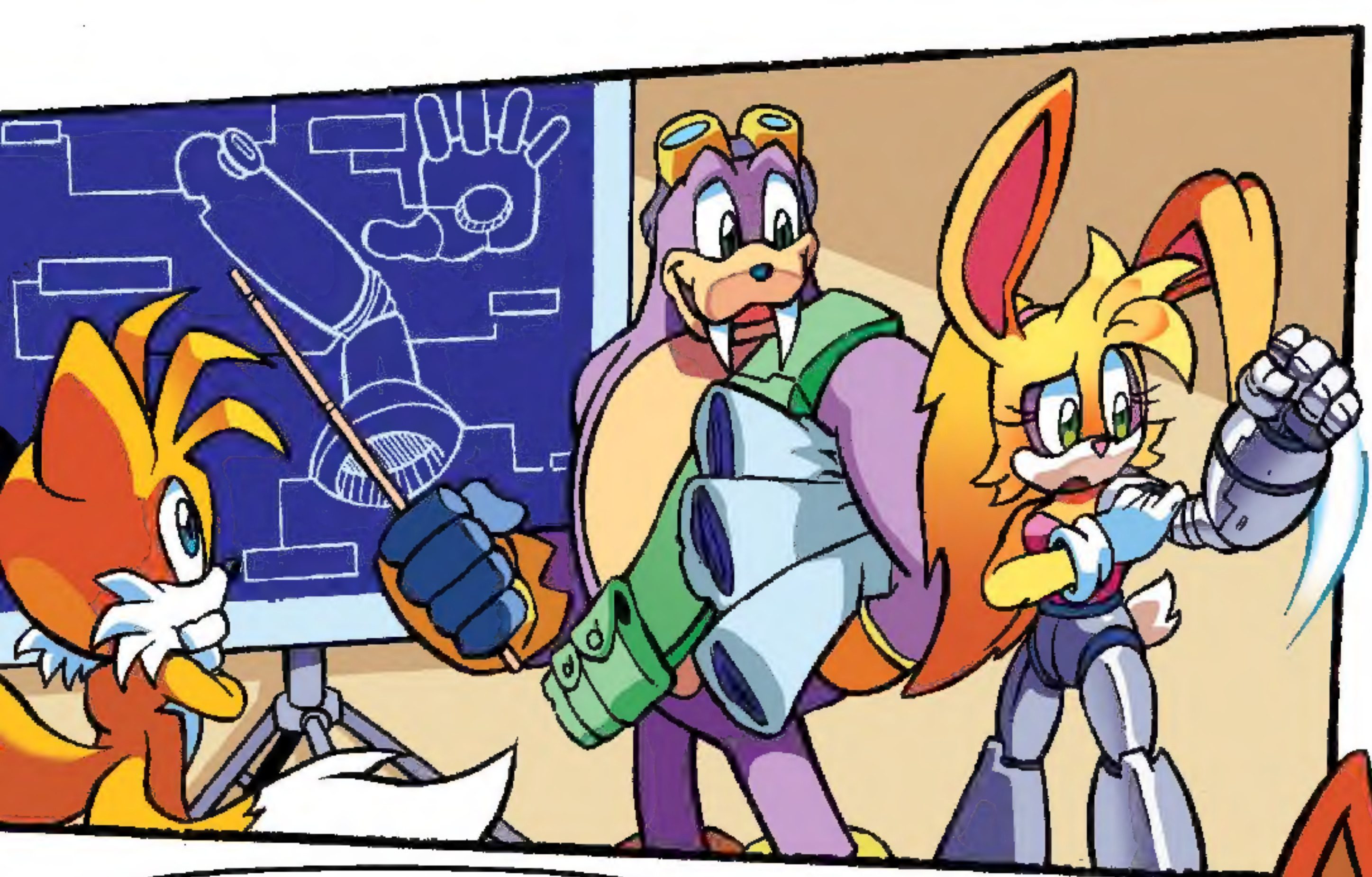


"...EVEN BEAUTIFUL..."



"...AND TOGETHER WE CREATED THE

FREEDOM FIGHTERS



"AH HAD FOUND MY PLACE ON THE TEAM, AND THAT MEANT AH NEEDED TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE."

"IF EGGMAN WAS GONNA KEEP MAKIN' BIGGER AND NASTIER MACHINES, AH NEEDED AN UPGRADE TOO."

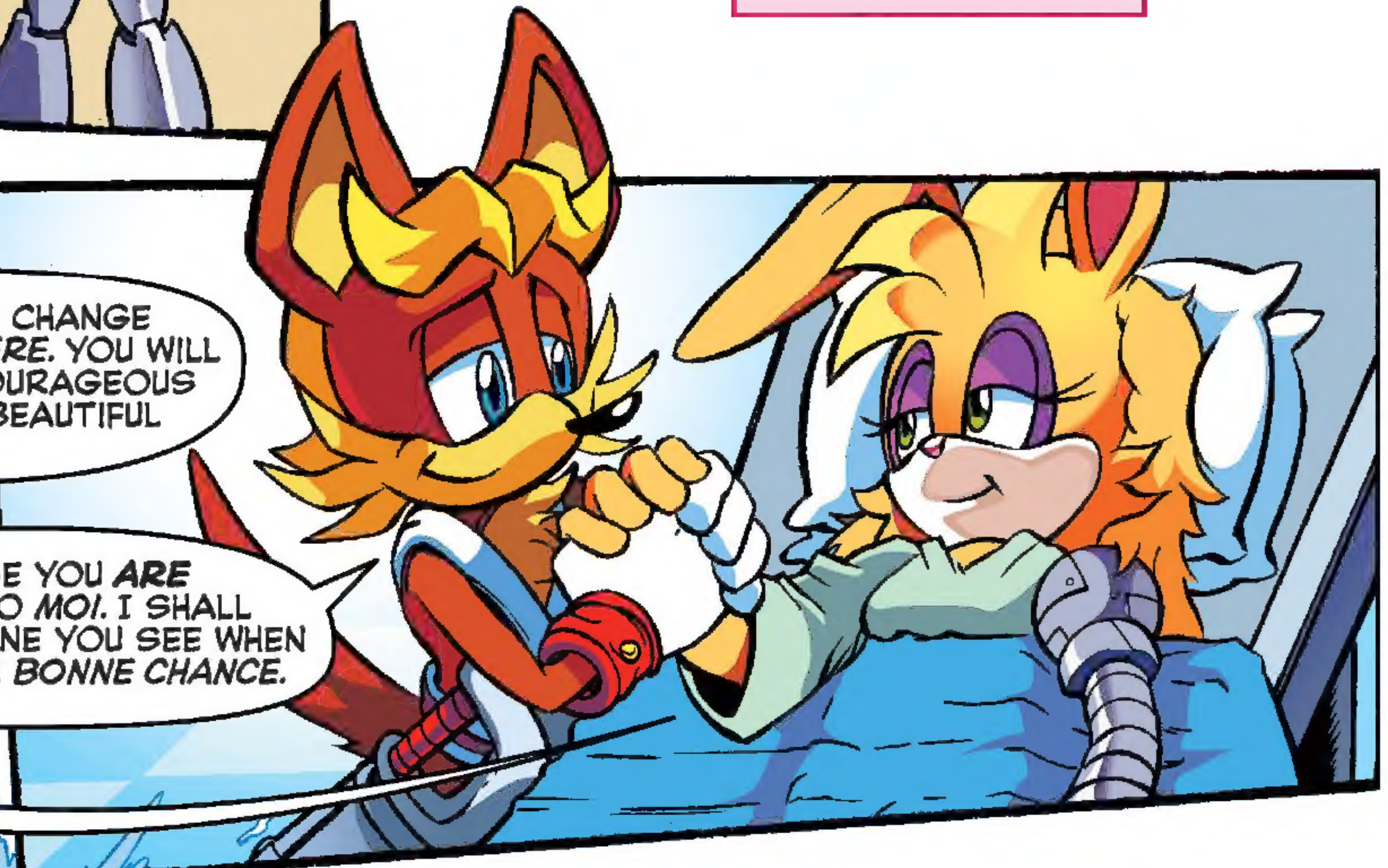
"ROTOR AND TAILS HANDLED THE HARDWARE. ANTOINE HANDLED MAH SOUL..."

THERE'S PROLLI NO CHANCE AH'LL GET MY OL' LIMBS BACK AFTER THIS, Y'KNOW.

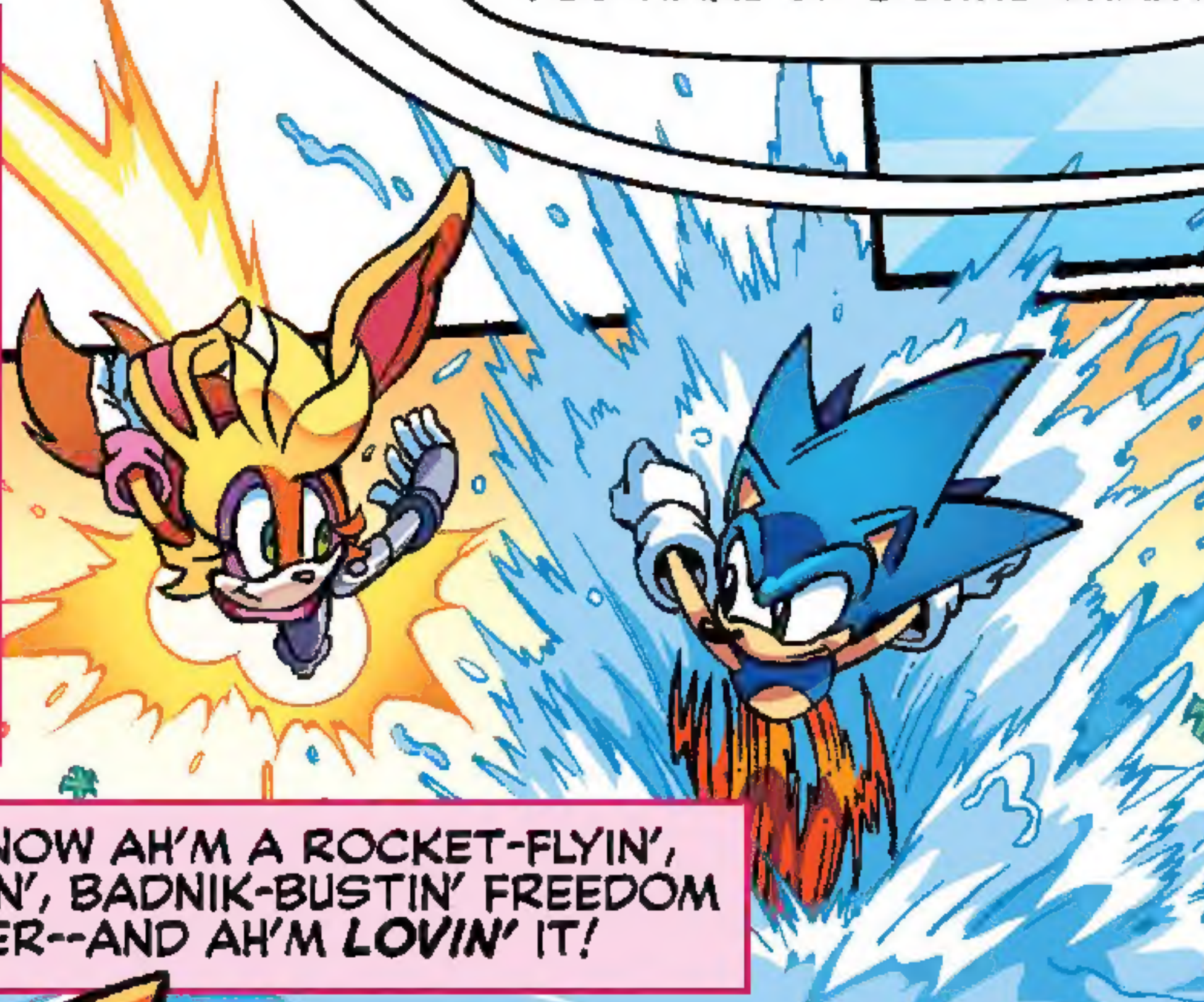
ZO? ZAT WILL NOT CHANGE WHO YOU ARE, MA THERE. YOU WILL STILL HAVE YOUR COURAGEOUS HEART AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT.

SUGAR-TWAN... YOU SHO' KNOW HOW TO MAKE A GIRL FEEL SPECIAL.

BECAUSE YOU ARE SPECIAL--TO MOI. I SHALL BE ZE FIRST ONE YOU SEE WHEN YOU WAKE UP. BONNE CHANCE.



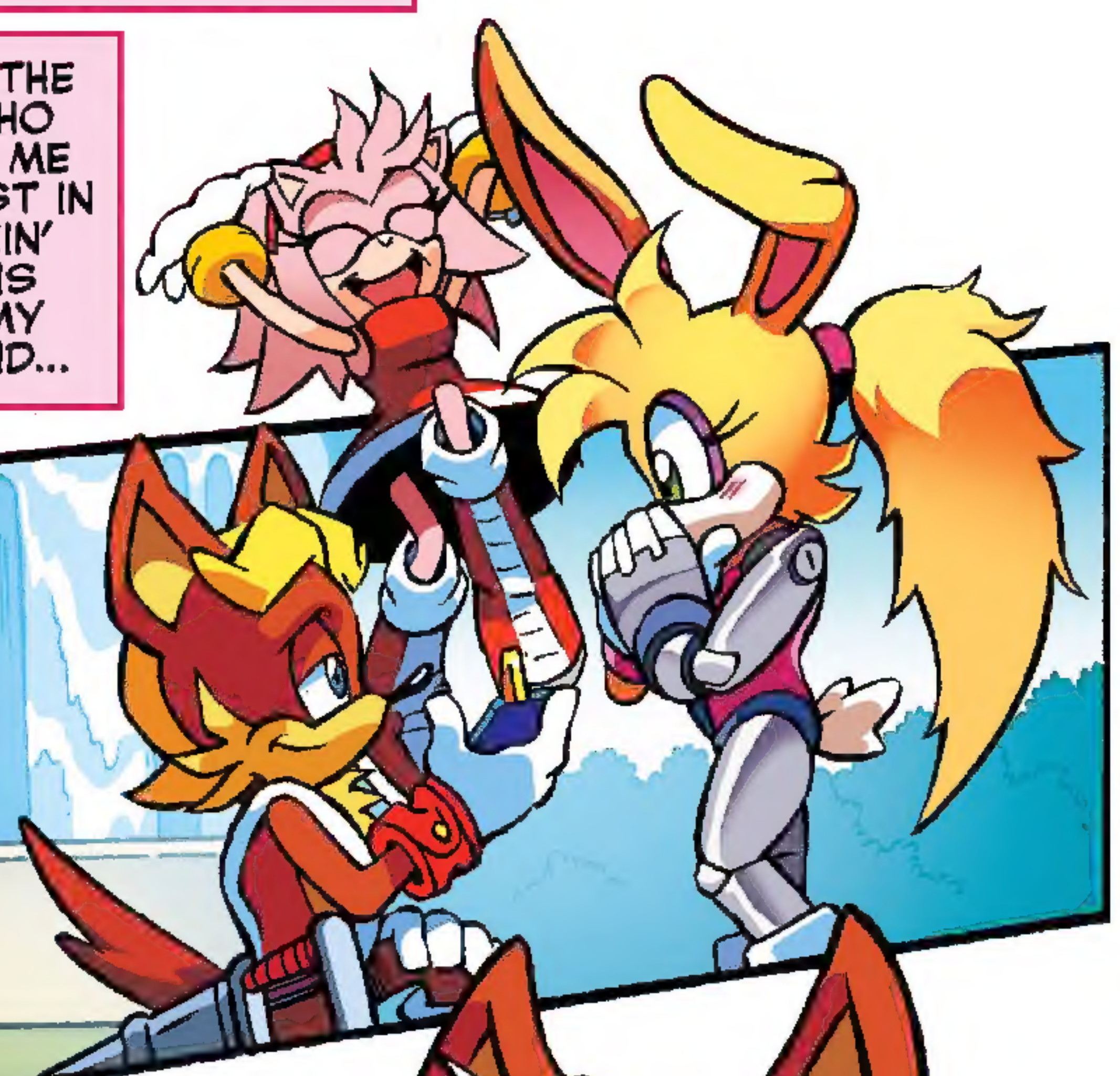
"MAYBE AH WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT STYLIST. PROLLI WOULDN'T MAKE A VERY DAINY LADY OF THE COURT, THOUGH."



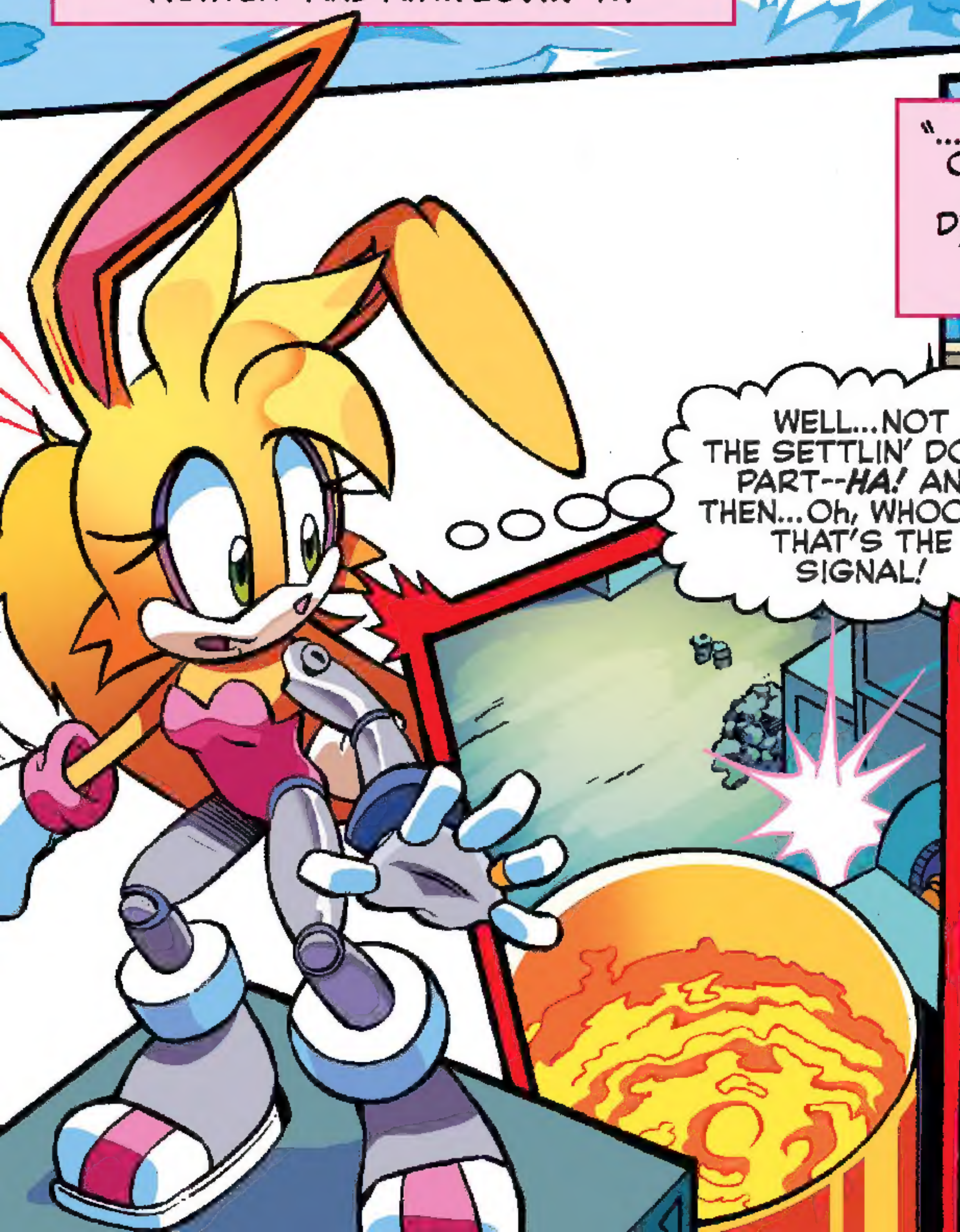
"IT DON'T MATTER AH'M HALF MACHINE. AH'VE LEARNED TO ACCEPT WHO AH AM. WHAT AH AM..."

"...AND THE ONE WHO HELPED ME THE MOST IN REALIZIN' THAT IS NOW MY HUSBAND..."

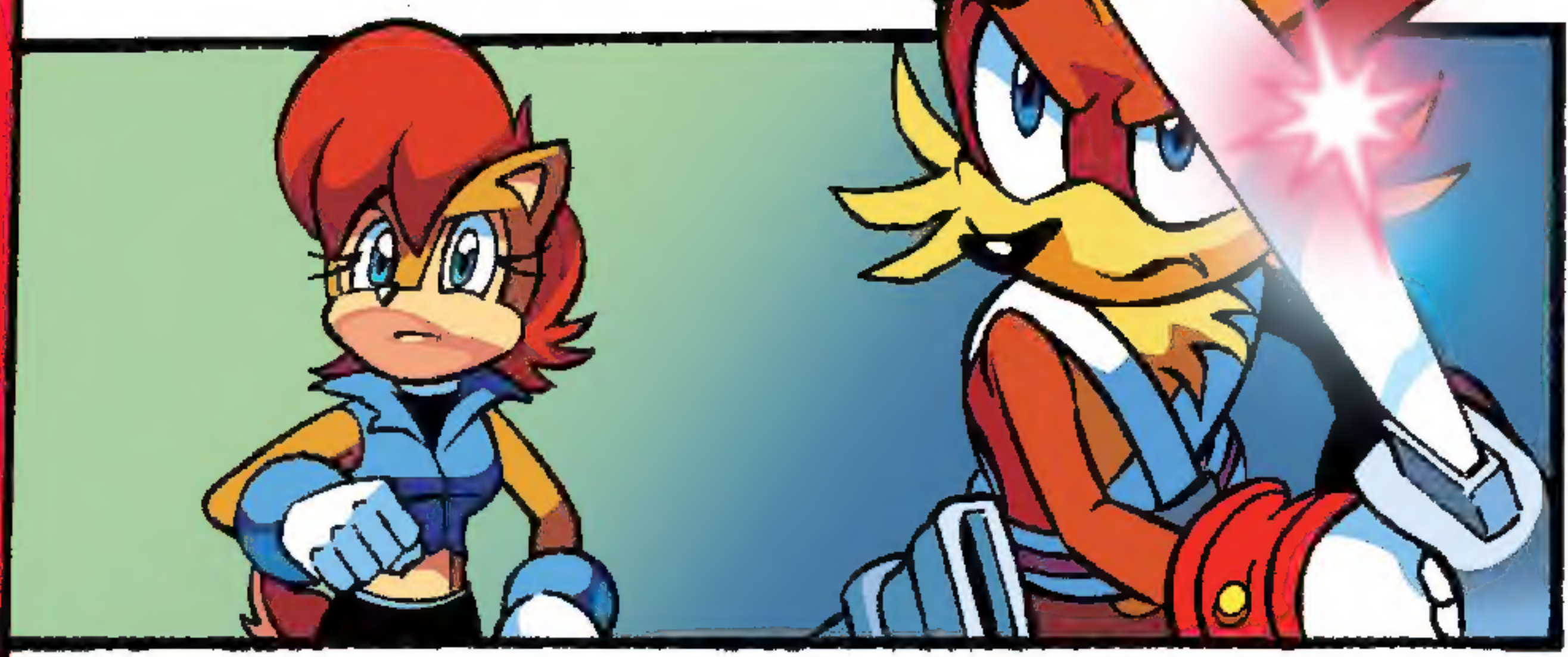
"'CAUSE NOW AH'M A ROCKET-FLYIN', LASER-FIRIN', BADNIK-BUSTIN' FREEDOM FIGHTER--AND AH'M LOVIN' IT!"



"...SO AH GUESS ONE A'THOSE CHILDHOOD DREAMS CAME TRUE AFTER ALL!"

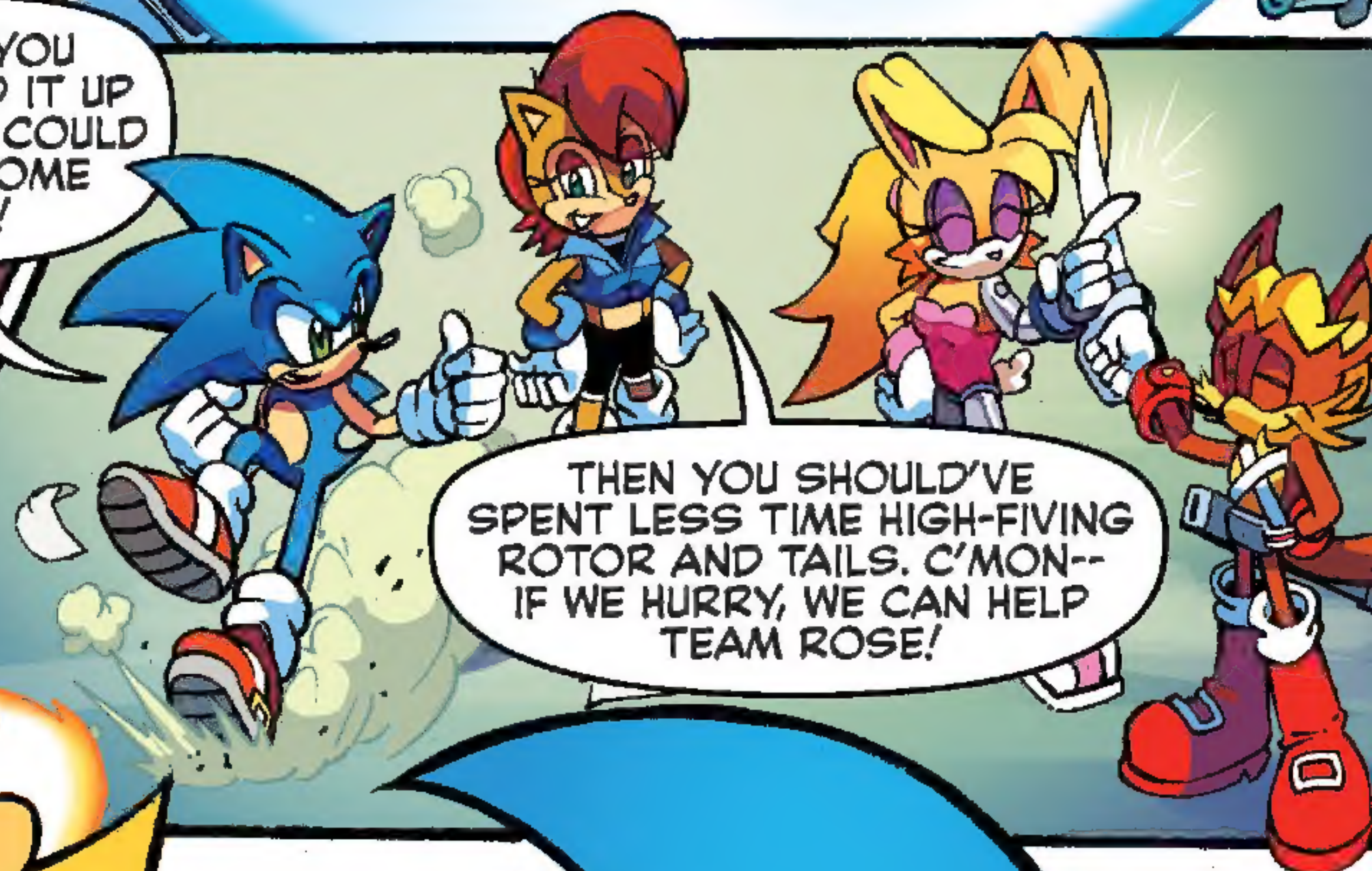


WELL...NOT THE SETTLIN' DOWN PART--HA! AND THEN...Oh, WHOOPS! THAT'S THE SIGNAL!

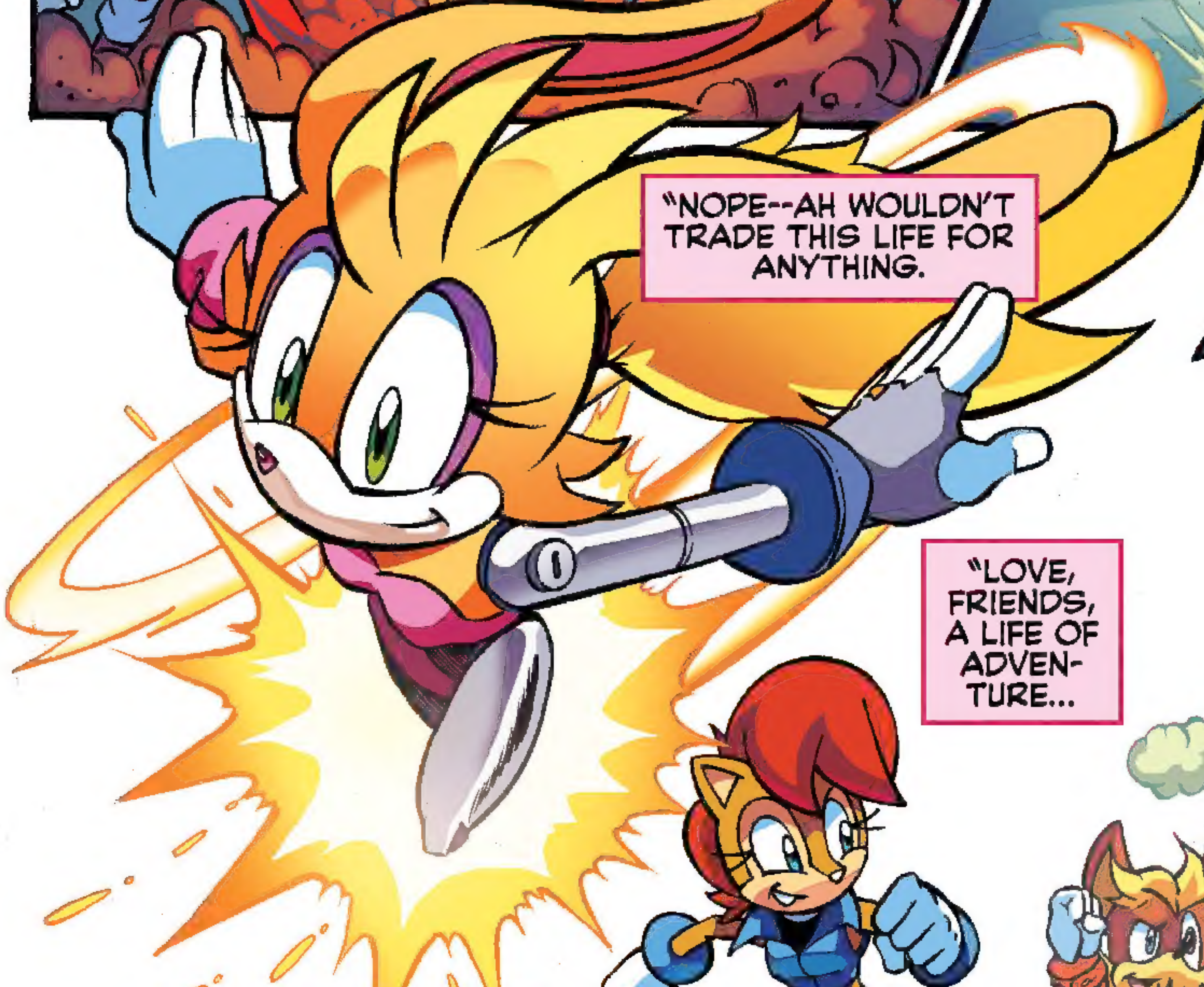




AWW! YOU WRAPPED IT UP BEFORE I COULD HAVE SOME FUN!



THEN YOU SHOULD'VE SPENT LESS TIME HIGH-FIVING ROTOR AND TAILS. C'MON-- IF WE HURRY, WE CAN HELP TEAM ROSE!



"NOPE--AH WOULDN'T TRADE THIS LIFE FOR ANYTHING."

"LOVE, FRIENDS, A LIFE OF ADVENTURE..."

"IT'S MORE THAN AH EVER DREAMED OF HAVING!"



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HAHAHAHAARRRRGH!!

KA-BOOM



HAHA!
SAY G'NITE,
GRUESOME!



SONIC the HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO
(AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW!)

BON! IT
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EZ DOING WELL. AND
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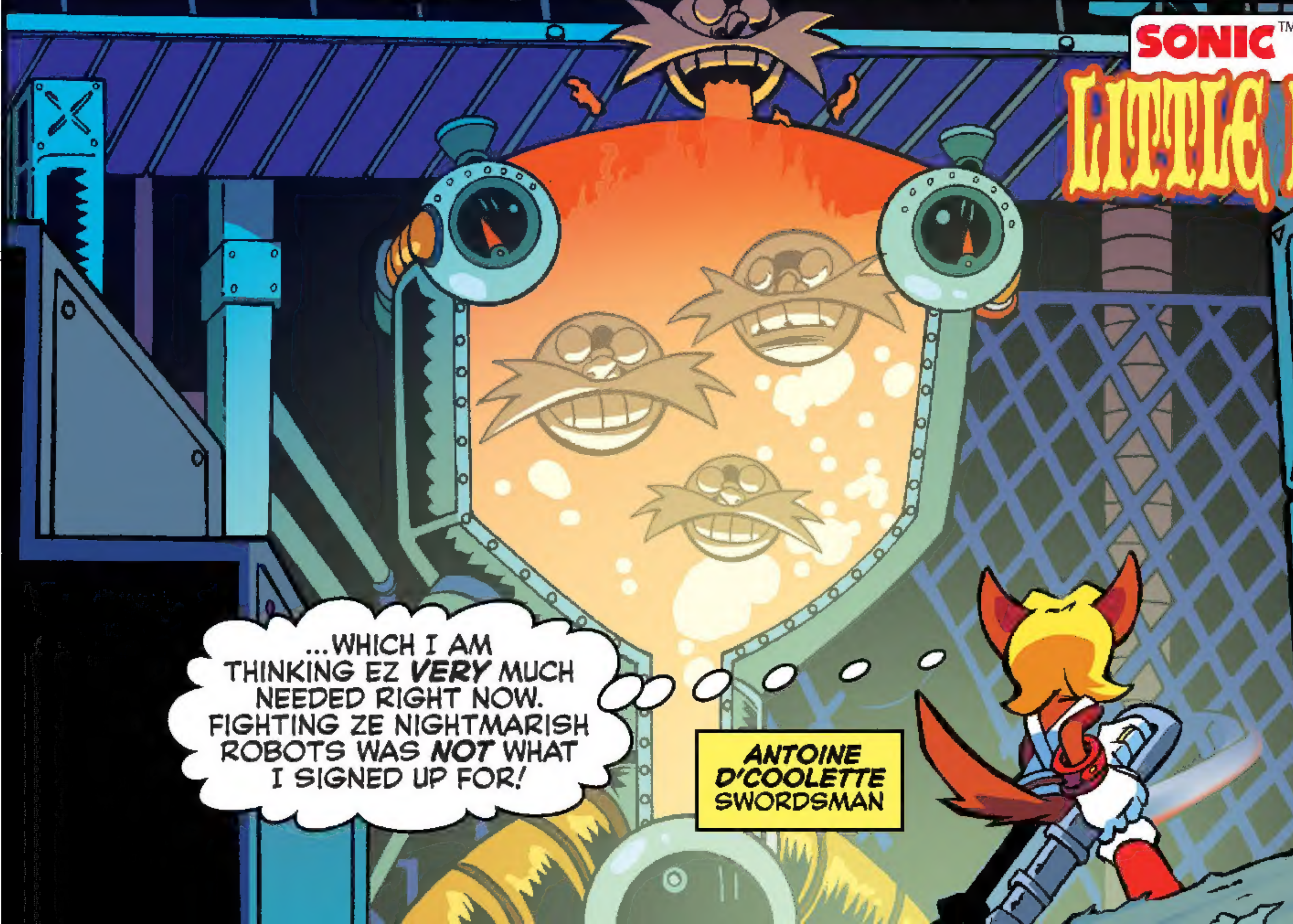


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SWORDSMAN

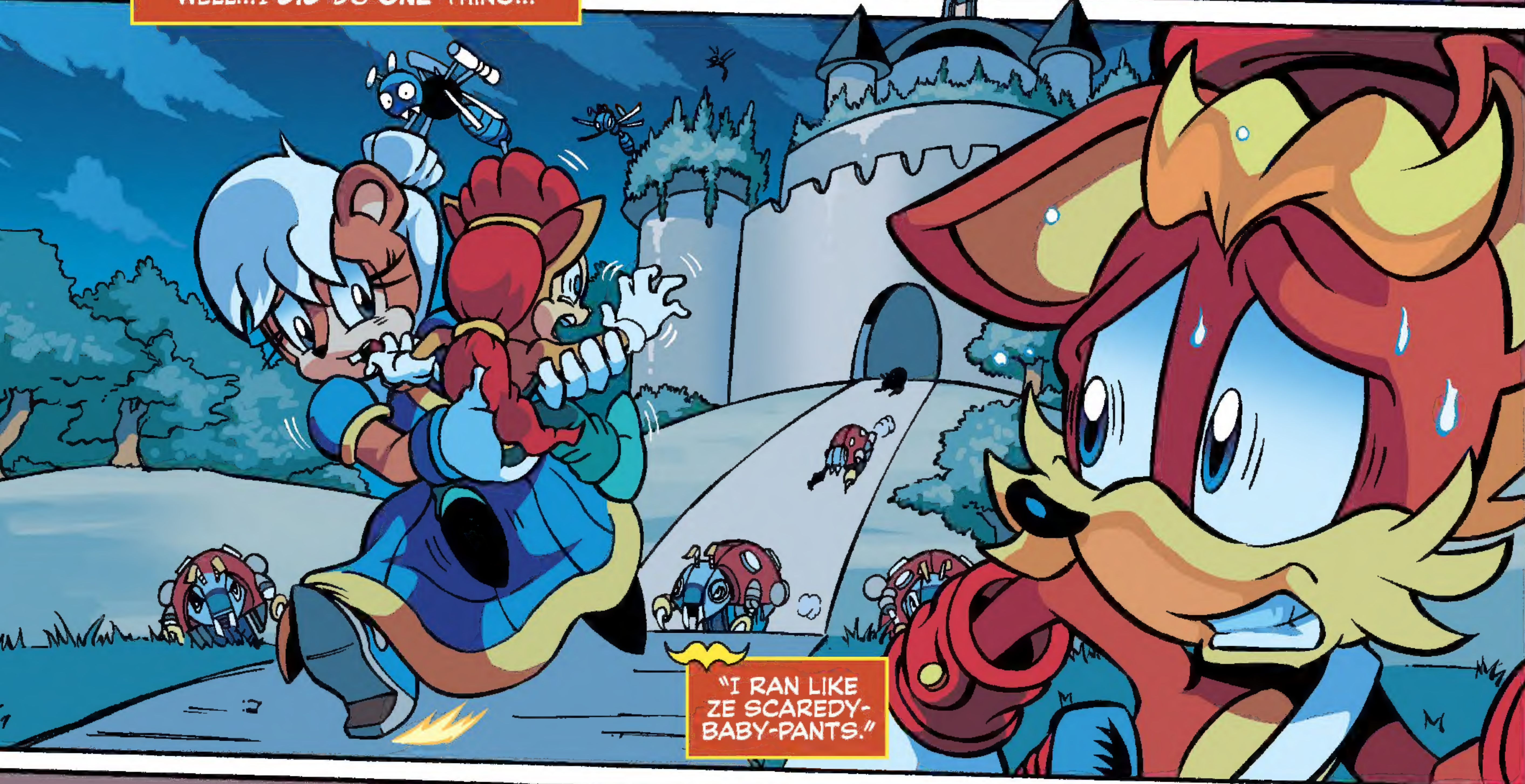
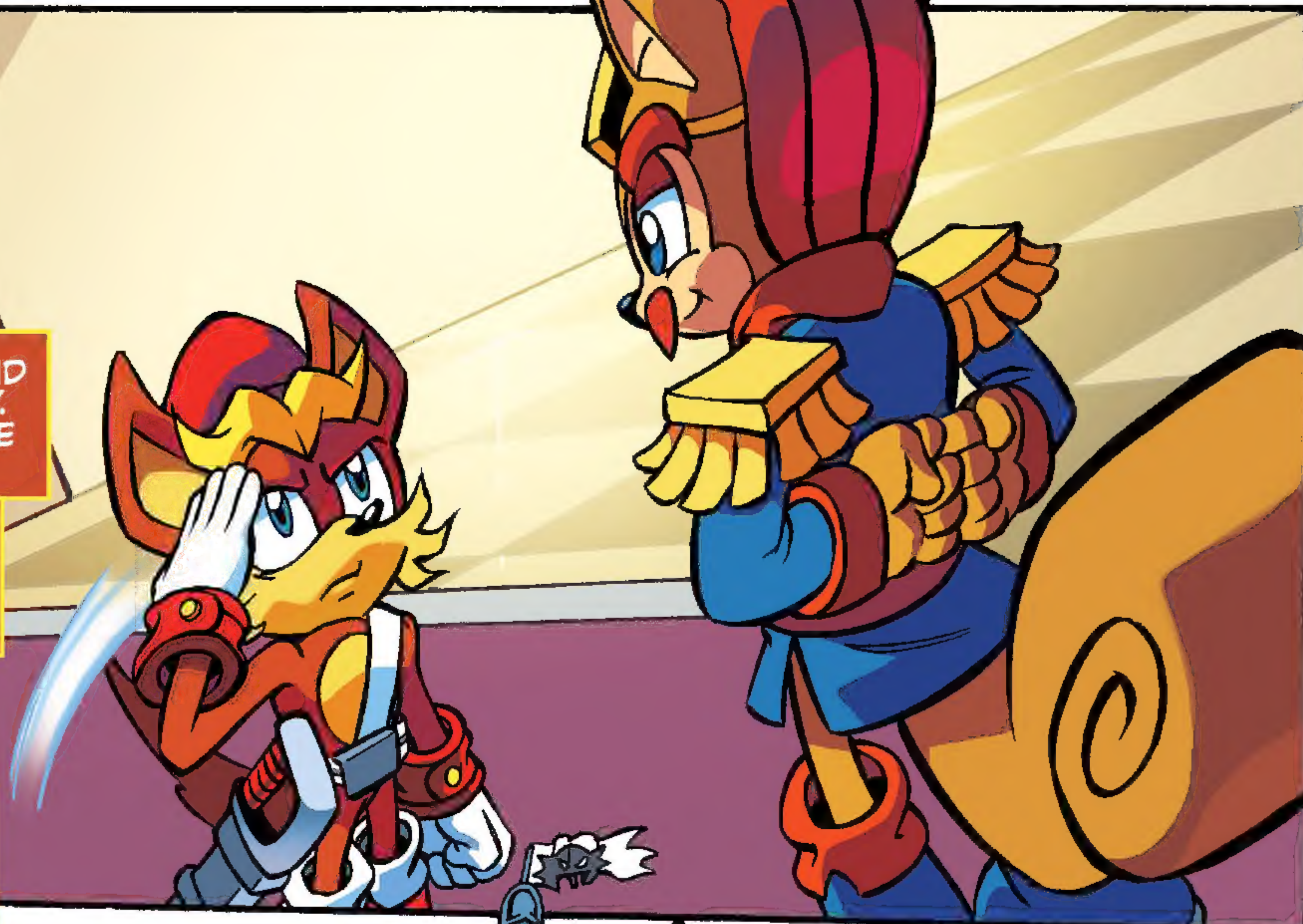


"I CAME TO MOBOTROPOLIS ON ZE APPRENTICE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. I DID NOT KNOW ZE POLITICS BEHIND IT--JUST ZAT IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE THERE.

"BE BRAVE," MY FATHER SAID BEFORE HE SENT ME AWAY. I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT HE MEANT THEN.

"I PRESENTED MYSELF TO ZE KING, MY FATHER'S SWORD AT MY SIDE, AND SWORE TO BE PROTECTING ZE CROWN AND COUNTRY.

"AND YET, I COULD NOT PROTECT ANYTHING WHEN DR. EGGMAN'S BADNIKS TOOK ZE CAPITAL. WELL...I *DID* DO ONE THING...



"I RAN LIKE ZE SCAREDY-BABY-PANTS."

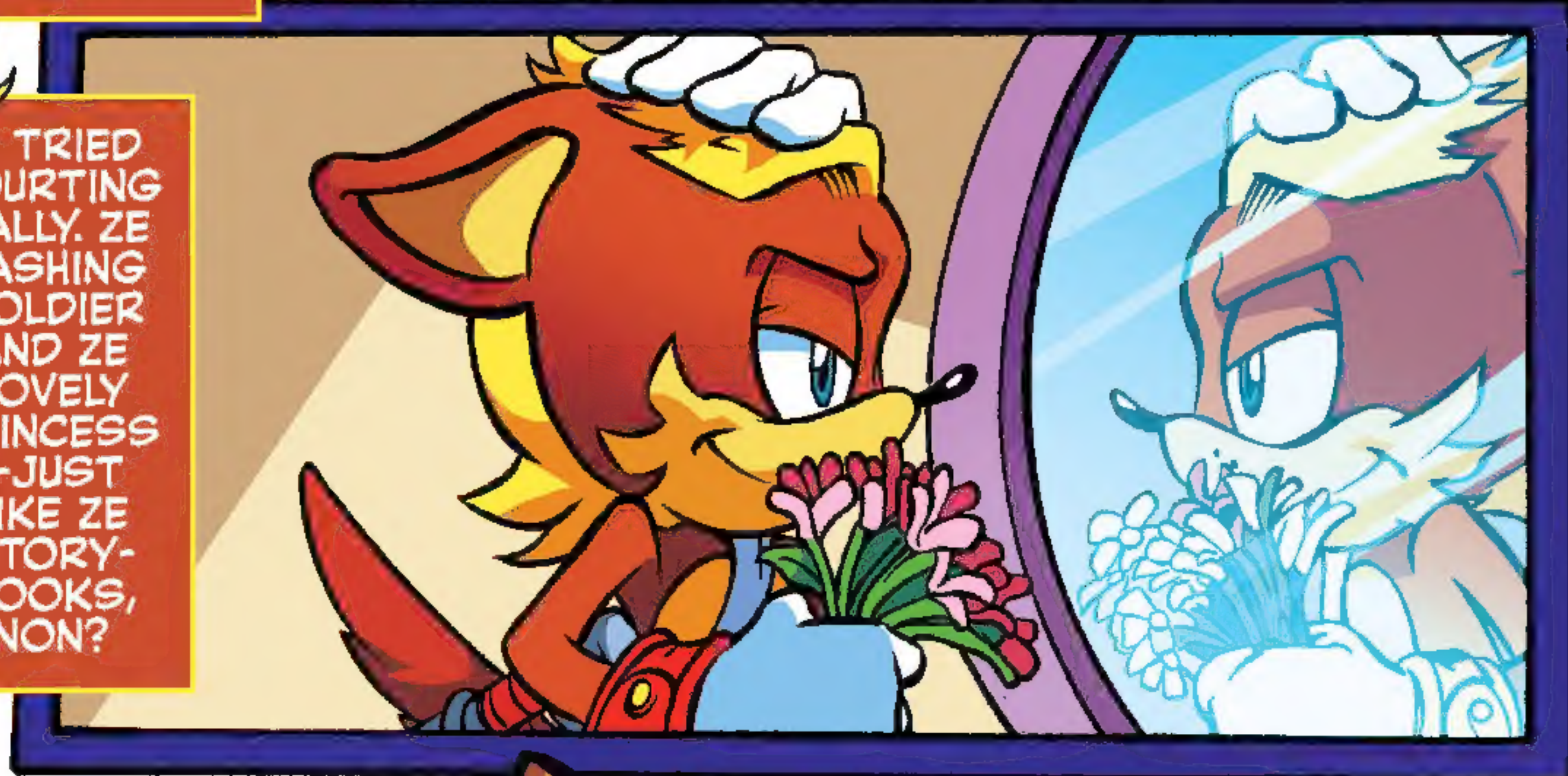
"I STAYED BY ZE PRINCESS' SIDE. I HAD FAILED ZE KING, BUT I WOULD NOT BE FAILING HIS DAUGHTER.

"(AND TO BE ZE BRITISHLY HONEST, I WAS TOO SCARED TO LEAVE KNOTHOLE ON MY OWN.)"





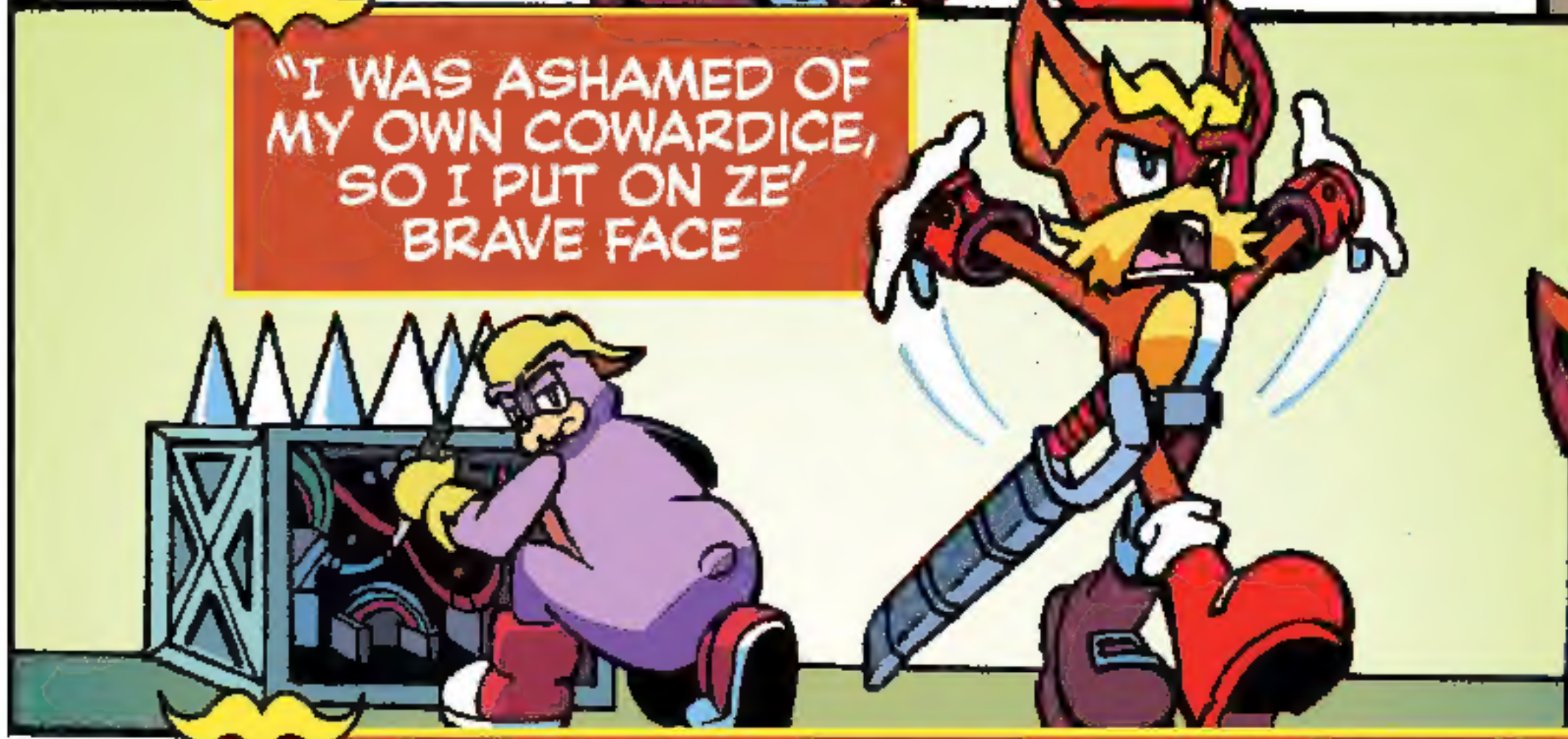
"AS FOR ZE PRINCESS HERSELF... *Sigh* SHE WAS ZO DARING, ZO SMART AND BEAUTIFUL...



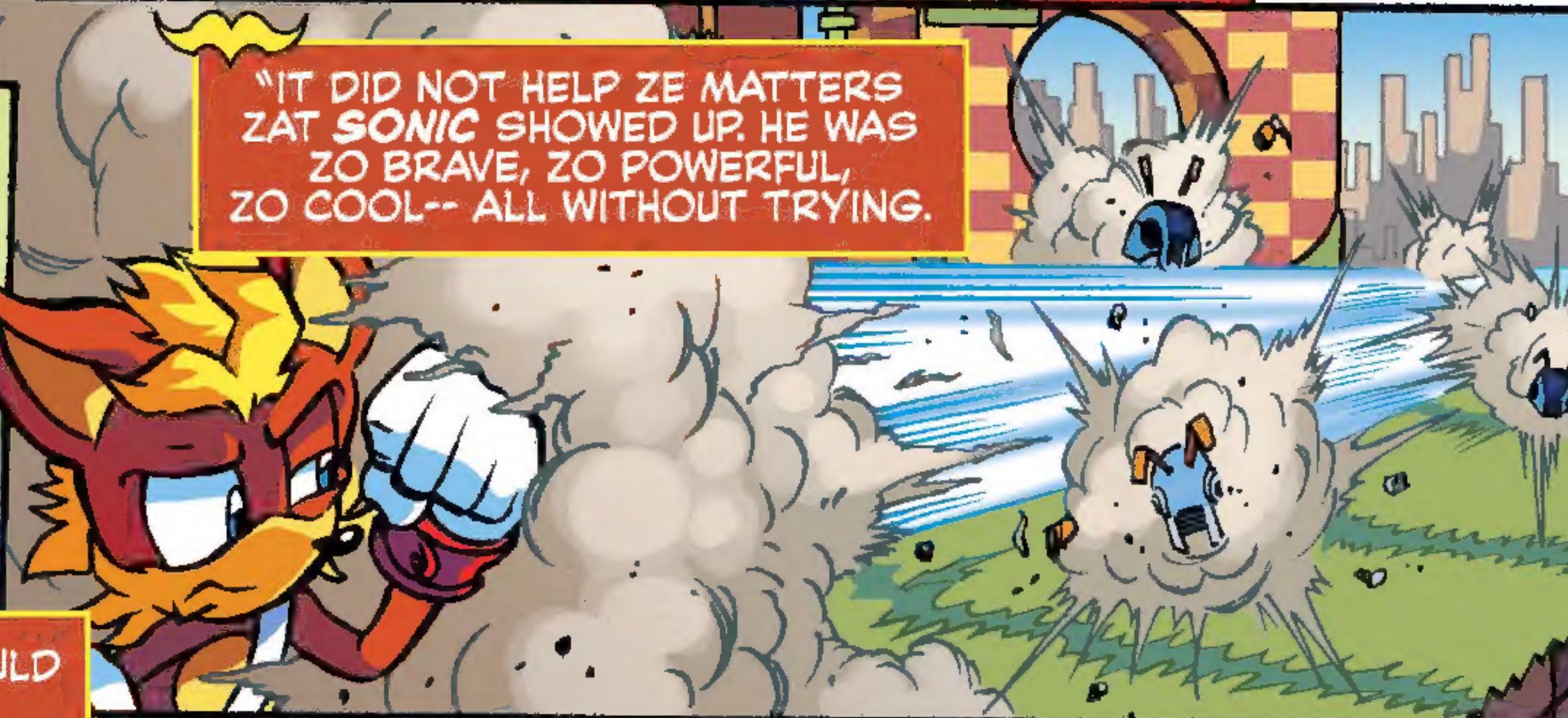
"I TRIED COURTING SALLY. ZE DASHING SOLDIER AND ZE LOVELY PRINCESS -- JUST LIKE ZE STORY-BOOKS, NON?"

"BUT SHE... I WAS... IT DID NOT WORK OUT.

"IT TOOK ME ZE LONG TIME TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

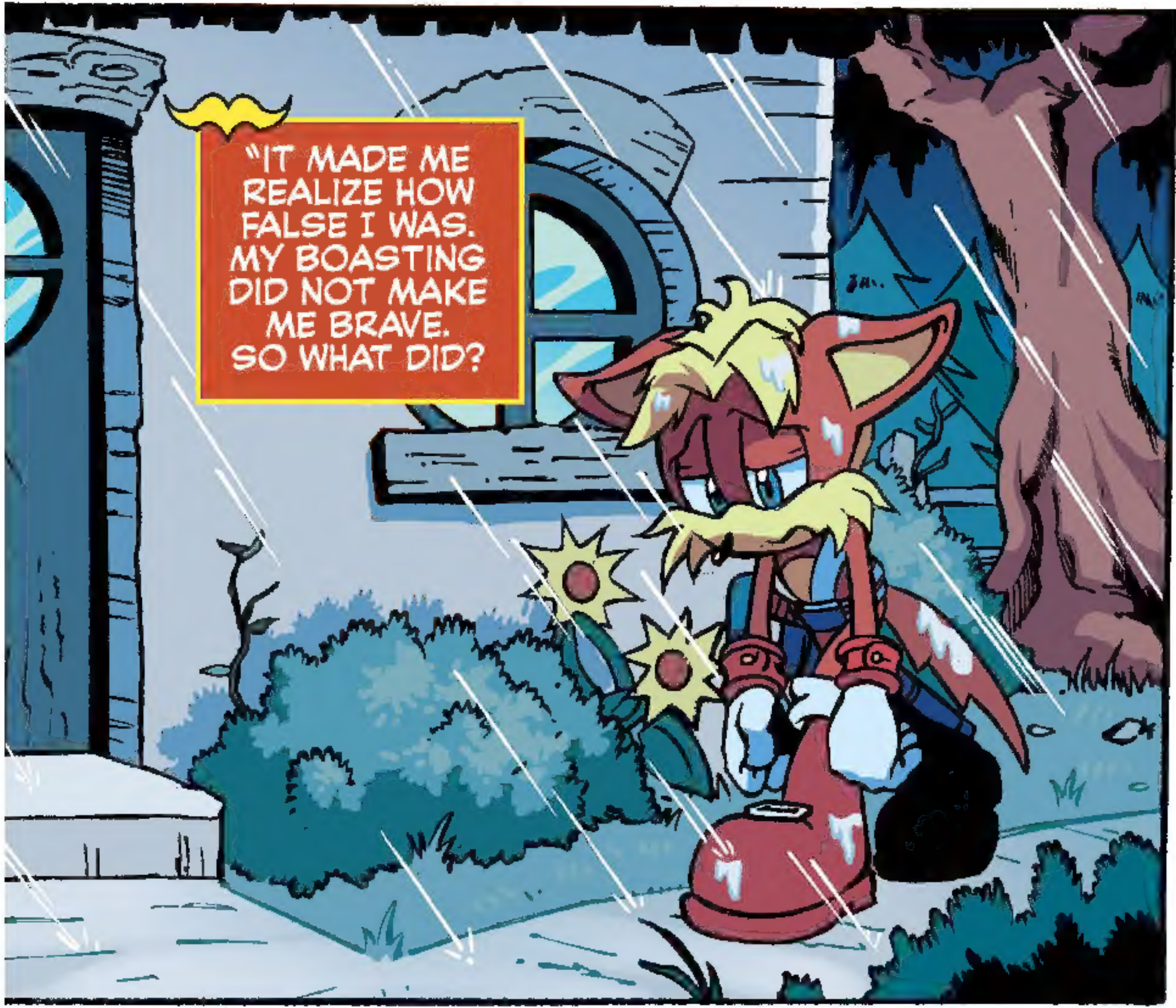


"I WAS ASHAMED OF MY OWN COWARDICE, SO I PUT ON ZE BRAVE FACE

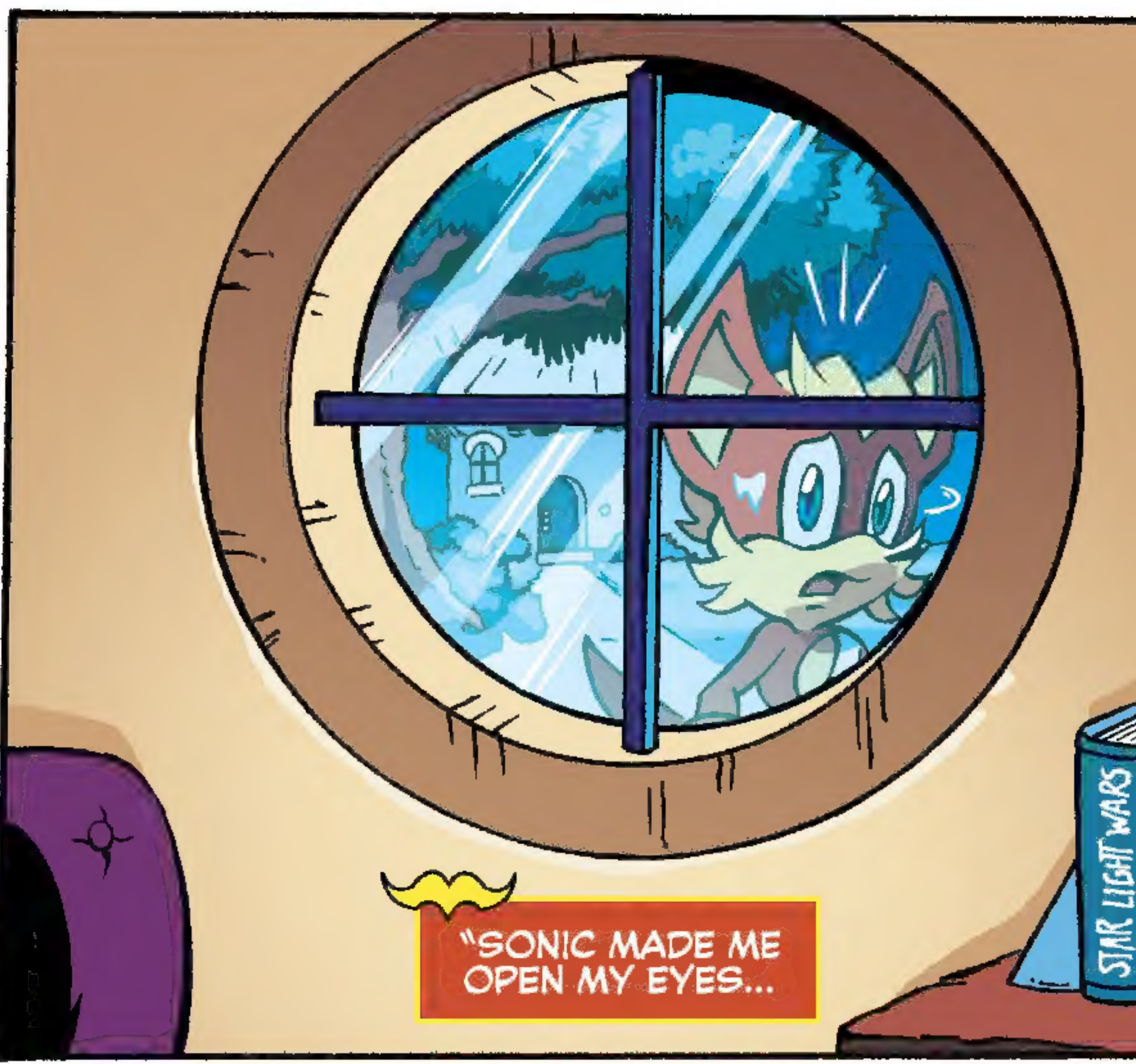


"IT DID NOT HELP ZE MATTERS ZAT SONIC SHOWED UP. HE WAS ZO BRAVE, ZO POWERFUL, ZO COOL-- ALL WITHOUT TRYING.

"SOMEONE SO LOUD AND SELF-ASSURED COULD NOT BE AFRAID OF EVERYTHING--NON?"



"IT MADE ME REALIZE HOW FALSE I WAS. MY BOASTING DID NOT MAKE ME BRAVE. SO WHAT DID?"

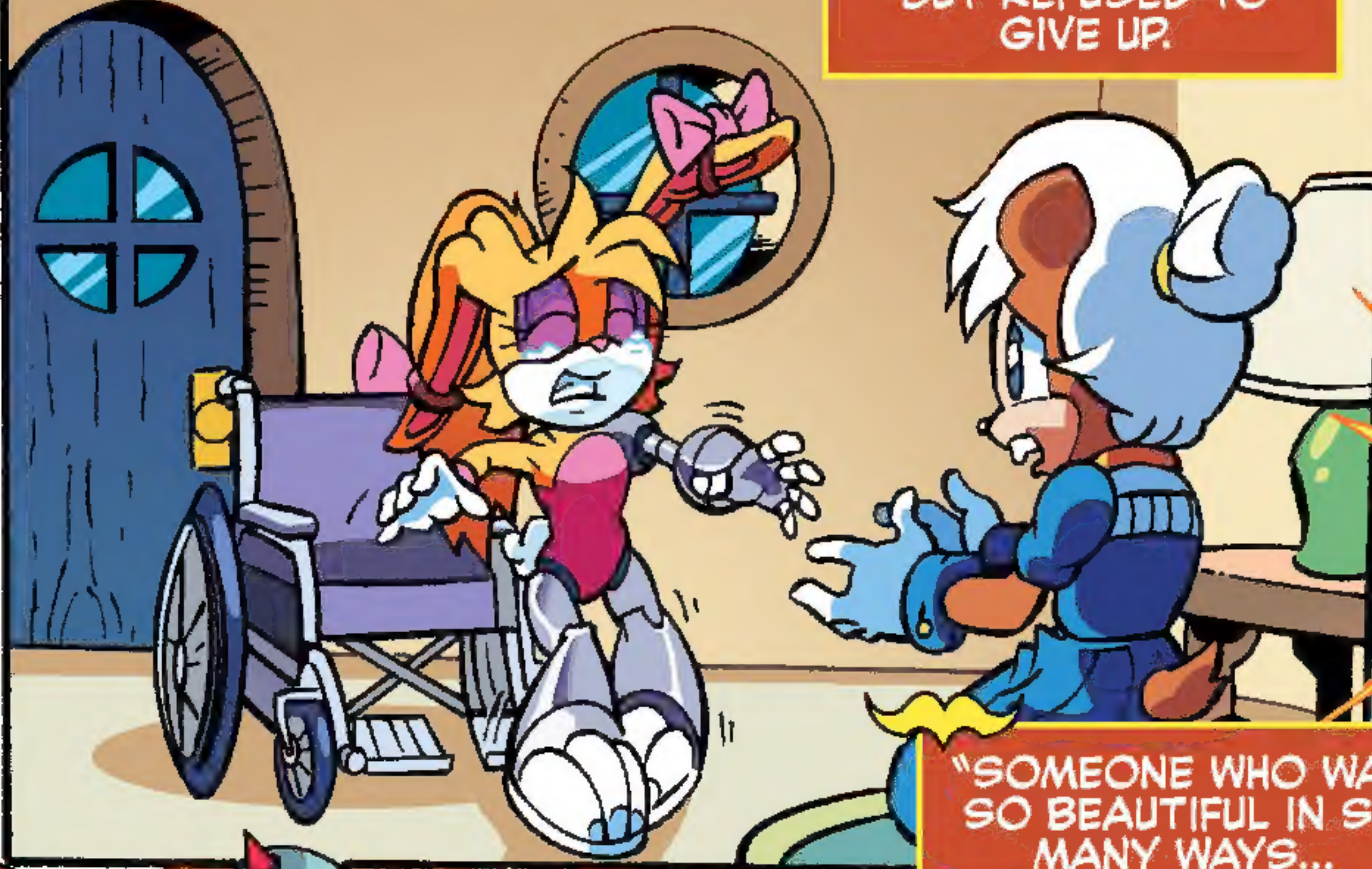


"SONIC MADE ME OPEN MY EYES..."

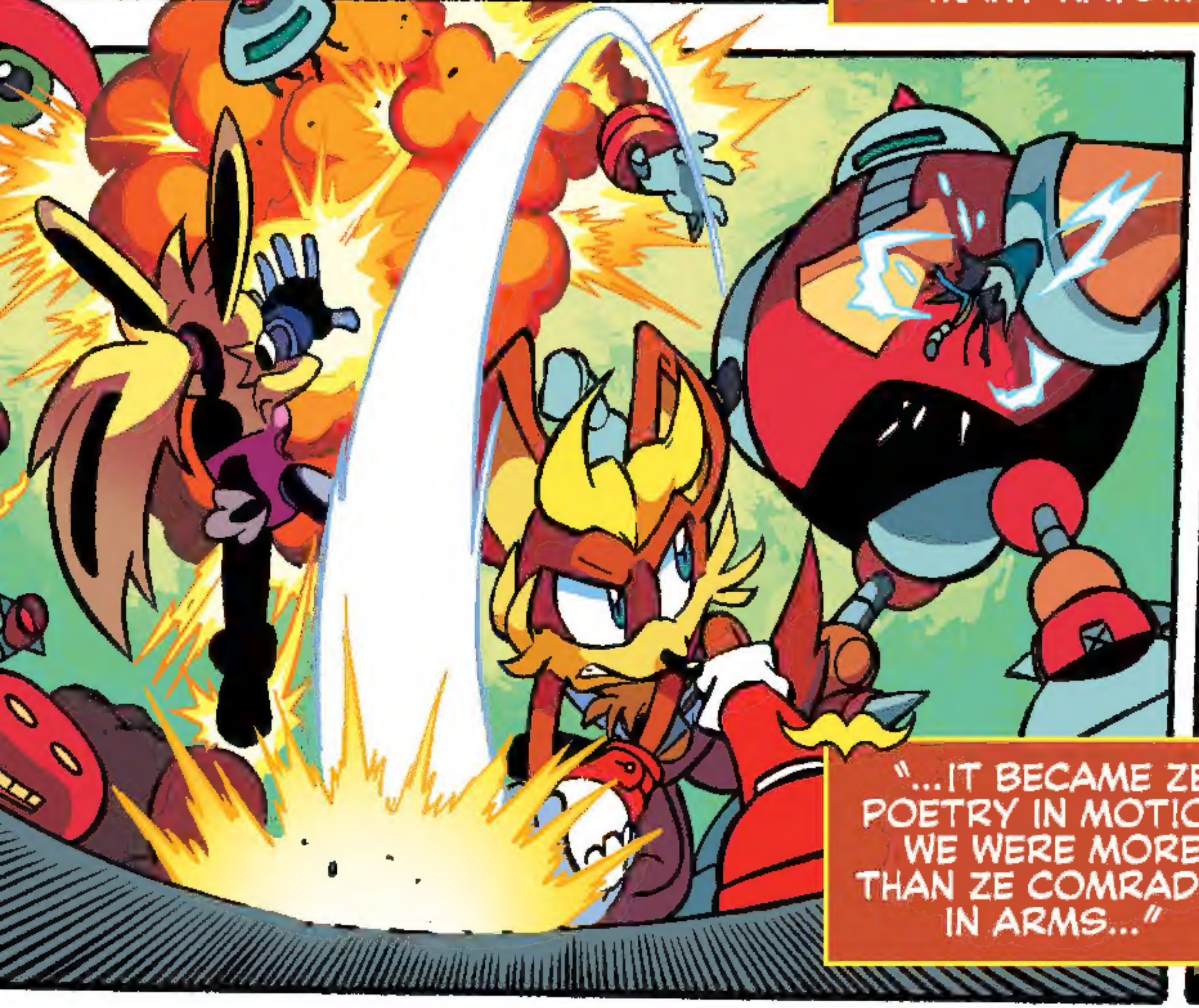
"...BUT IT WAS *SHE* WHO SHOWED ME ZE ANSWER.

"ZIS GIRL, WHO HAD SUFFERED SO MUCH, BUT REFUSED TO GIVE UP.

"WE JOINED ZE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOGETHER. WE FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR SO LONG...



"SOMEONE WHO WAS SO BEAUTIFUL IN SO MANY WAYS..."



"...IT BECAME ZE POETRY IN MOTION. WE WERE MORE THAN ZE COMRADES IN ARMS..."

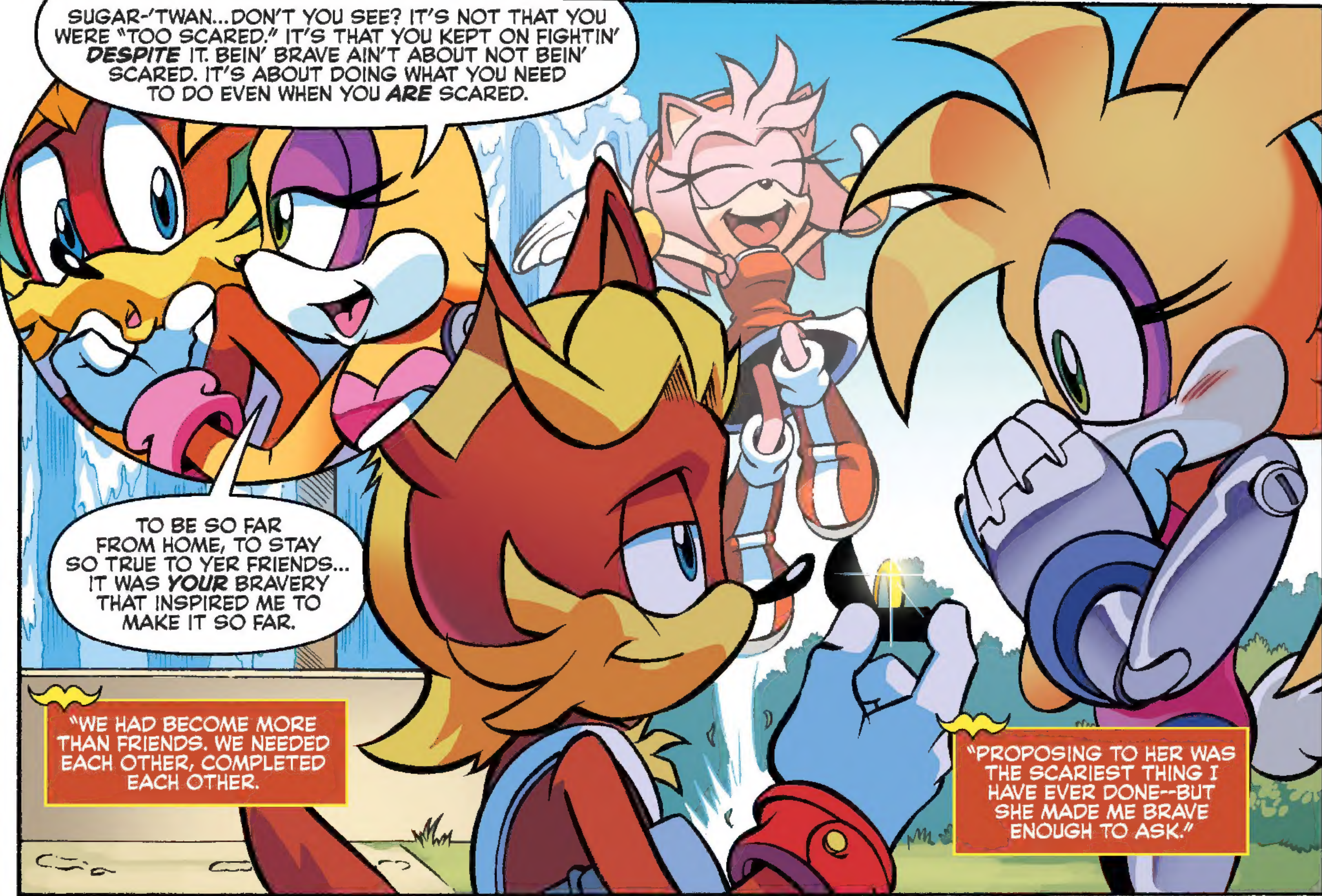


I AM ZE COWARD. MY FATHAIR SENT ME HERE, SAYING "BE BRAVE, MY SON."

BUT I AM NOT BRAVE. I AM SIMPLY TOO SCARED TO RUN AWAY.

ANTOINE...

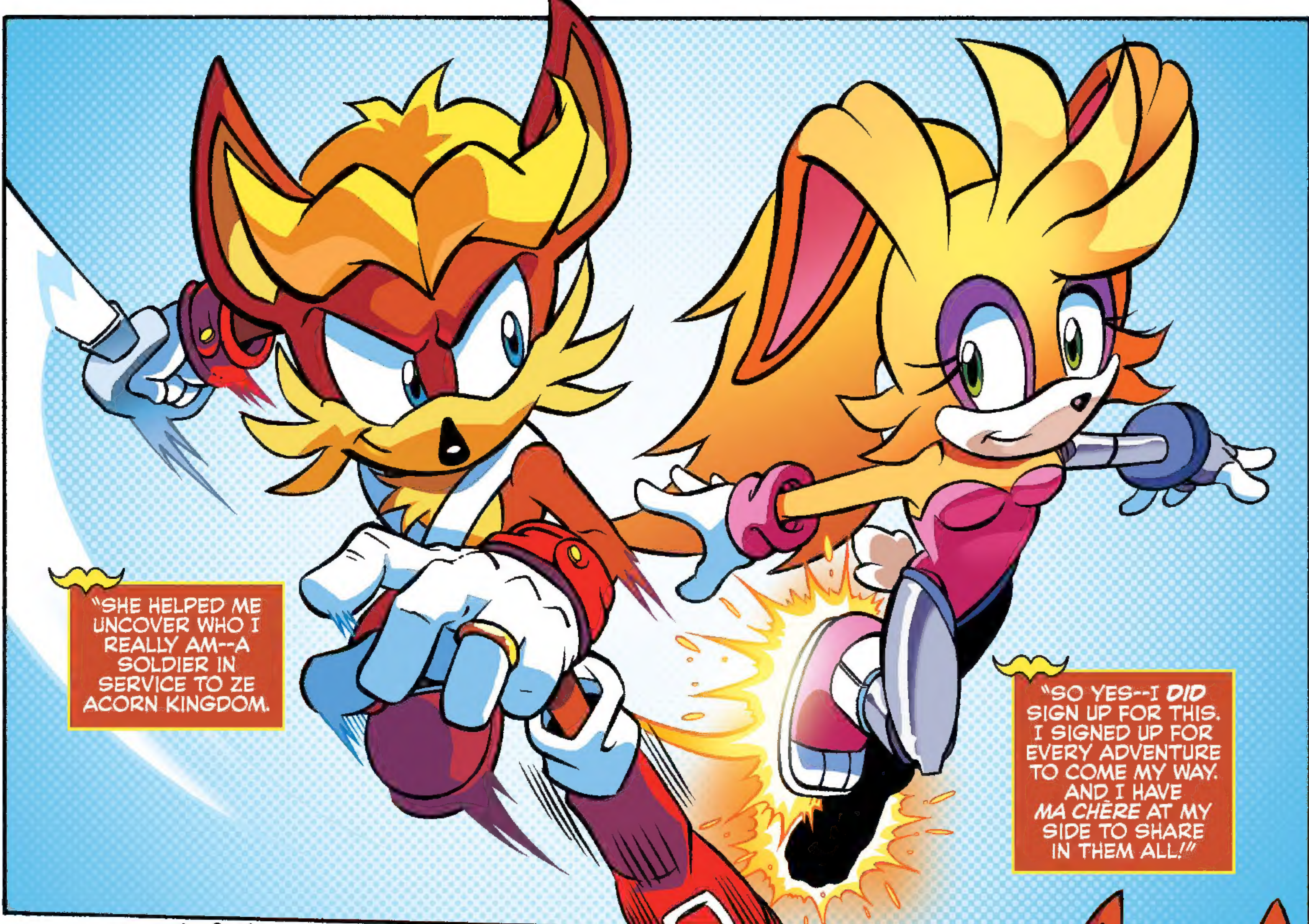
SUGAR-'TWAN...DON'T YOU SEE? IT'S NOT THAT YOU WERE "TOO SCARED." IT'S THAT YOU KEPT ON FIGHTIN' **DESPITE** IT. BEIN' BRAVE AIN'T ABOUT NOT BEIN' SCARED. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT YOU NEED TO DO EVEN WHEN YOU **ARE** SCARED.



TO BE SO FAR FROM HOME, TO STAY SO TRUE TO YER FRIENDS... IT WAS **YOUR BRAVERY** THAT INSPIRED ME TO MAKE IT SO FAR.

"WE HAD BECOME MORE THAN FRIENDS. WE NEEDED EACH OTHER, COMPLETED EACH OTHER.

"PROPOSING TO HER WAS THE SCARIEST THING I HAVE EVER DONE--BUT SHE MADE ME BRAVE ENOUGH TO ASK."



"SHE HELPED ME UNCOVER WHO I REALLY AM--A SOLDIER IN SERVICE TO ZE ACORN KINGDOM."

"SO YES--I DID SIGN UP FOR THIS. I SIGNED UP FOR EVERY ADVENTURE TO COME MY WAY. AND I HAVE MA CHÈRE AT MY SIDE TO SHARE IN THEM ALL!"



GYEEP!

ANTOINE!



SORRY!

Àhem! THERE IS NO NEEDING TO APOLOGIZE. IF YOU WERE ZE BADNIK, I WOULD'VE TRICKED YOU INTO... ZE FALSE CONFIDENCE?

SURE. WHERE'S BUNNIE?



SCOUTING ZE OTHER SIDE.

THEN LET'S LINK UP WITH HER AND END THIS!

LEAD ZE WAY, MA PRINCESS!

"NO MATTER WHAT SHORE I AM ON, NO MATTER WHAT FOE I FACE, I AM READY WHEN ALONGSIDE MY FELLOW

FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

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